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THE POTOR PAGE

The Problem of Where to Get More Water

B ECAUSE, in company with many other communities, our biggest city, New York, is facing a water shortage, we are hearing a good deal about a problem that informed water supply engineers have known about for a long time. The problem is where to get more water for our cities and our industries. It is not possible to make our rains more frequent or better spaced; it isn't practicable to remove dissolved materials from sea water; nor to manufacture water.

There are some things that can be done, however. We can institute research into better and more effective methods of ground water recharge. We can study the possibilities of conserving industrial waters through reuse and better methods of treatment. And we can utilize our sewage plant effluents so as to recover this water for certain uses. To do this may require a stepping up of treatment, but that can

be done and we know how to do it.

It may be that not so many people know how serious our present lack of water is. It would pay, for instance, to build a steel mill on the eastern seaboard. using high grade ores that could be shipped in by water, but in the area between Boston and Washington, it is doubtful if there is any source of water supply that would meet the requirements for such a plant.

For an army cantonment, there are three basic requirements-suitable terrain for training, transportation and water supply. Of all the sites in the country where the first two requirements are met, there are probably less than half a dozen, not already used in the past, where there is adequate water supply.

Perhaps your editor should begin again on a wartime project that yielded a great deal of fun in the days when most everyone had a pet research project to help the war along. His project was to develop a dehydrated water for invasions, which would require only that water be added to it for troop use. Some folks took him seriously, but most of them appreciated the joke.

Hari-kari and the Bible

5 HORTLY after the Army Medical Department committed hari-kari, so far as effective utilization of the non-medical professional personnel was concerned, this department expressed its views in a comparatively mild manner. Since that time there has been a steady demand for more of the same; however, we can see no use in further public rumpling of the soiled linen.

There are, though, one or two factors worthy of consideration. Nearly a year ago, a group of highly capable engineers, at the suggestion of Medical Department officers and with the full concurrence of the writer, undertook friendly negotiations toward changing the existing unsound Medical Service Corps setup. Reports to date show no substantial progress whatever. Nor has there been any progress in providing training for MSC reserve officers of the professional groups. So far as we can find out, they can listen to medical lectures, they can join up with other branches for training; or they can go inactive.

The brand of progressiveness being exhibited in these matters by the Medical Department and the Medical Service Corps reminds us of the 8th verse of the 13th chapter of Hebrews.

Street Parking Costs Money Too

THOUGH most everyone realizes the need for off-street parking areas not so many do anything about it. The cost, which may run from \$500 per car up, is a deterrent. A recent study of the Eno Foundation brings out an important point. This revealed that the capital investment by a city amounts to \$1,193, on the average, for each parking place provided on street rights-of-way, assuming land value of the right-of-way is \$5 per square foot and the pavement cost \$6 per square yard. This isn't cheap; and if we don't want to go through a program of street widening, which usually costs real money, it's about time to plan on those off-street parking facilities.

The Illinois Pollution Control Law

THANKS to amendments to its water pollution law passed by the Legislature this year, the Illinois State Sanitary Water Board now has jurisdiction over "all substances and materials which pollute, threaten to pollute or tend to pollute" surface or underground waters. It can call on the Circuit or Superior Courts for a prohibitive injunction in any case where it is the opinion of the Board that any person or other public or private entity is about to do or fail to do anything that would violate any of the rules regulations, or requirements.

In many other states the courts have refused to grant injunctions against the construction or operation of plants which threaten to pollute streams until such pollution has actually occurred and has been proved to the court, with possibly large sums invested in the offending plant. Illinois can now prevent the construction of a plant or the inauguration of a procedure if its Sanitary Water Board is of the opinion that pollution of public water would be

caused thereby. Prevention is vastly better than cure.

Don't Forget that Public Works Planning

EVERY engineer knows that it takes from six to twenty-four months to bring an engineering project to the stage where construction can begin. To translate needs into either structures or employment takes time. We should get into the habit of having a reserve of public works plans ready in case of need. The recent action of Congress in making available funds which may be used as interest-free loans, to be repaid when construction starts, makes it possible for every community to practice advance planning of public works.



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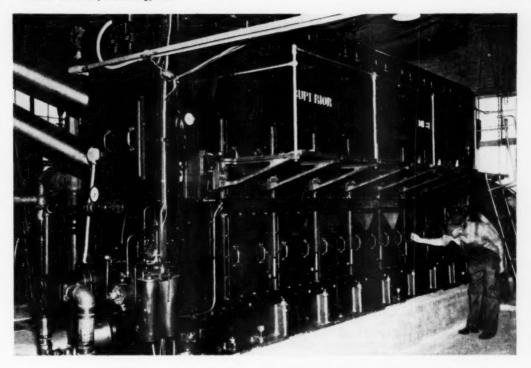
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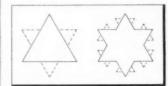




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Method of developing conduit.

(Ed. Note: We pass this on to our readers with the warning note that heads this item. Ben Eisner is one of the finest mathematicians we know of, and we are not at all in his class).

THE ORDER OF THE GELD

Your editorial about the Order of the Boar was written too soon. It has been reported that a so-called Boar meeting was held in Chicago recently, and that the midwestern section of the Order has been taken over by the doctors. At this meeting some twelve doctors, together with others outside the Sanitary Corps, whose qualifications were not made known, were initiated.

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members of the Order of the Boar in my office feel that an engineering committee should pass on all shoats before they are approved for membership.

A Midwest Sanitary Engineer.

(Ed. Note: We knew about the abovementioned meeting when we wrote that editorial, but we catalog the group you comment on as the Order of the Geld, and did not class it as a meeting of the Order of the Boar. We understand that this meeting at Chicago reached a new and shocking low in vulgarity, even for medically controlled meetings. This letter printed here is but one of a number of comments we had on this unfortunate circumstance.)

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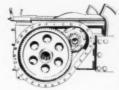
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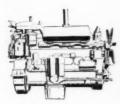


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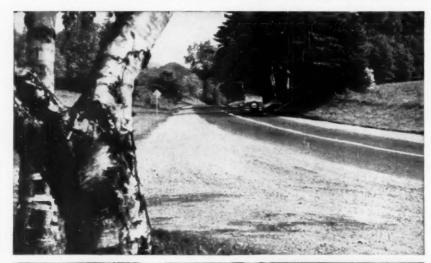
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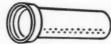
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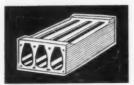
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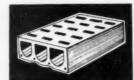
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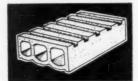
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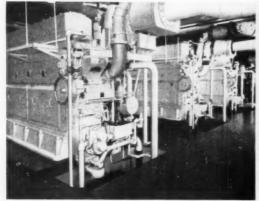


Assembling Simplex Couplings is a quick operation. And each joint can be easily checked for proper assembly when it is made, providing advance assurance that the line will meet final test requirements.

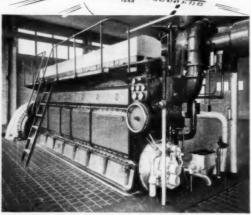


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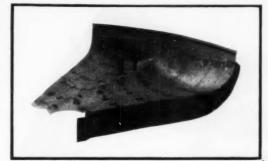
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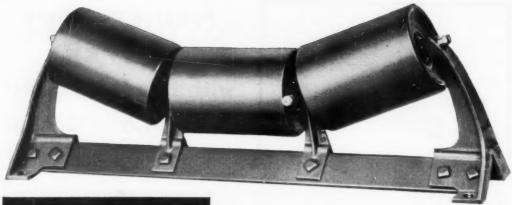


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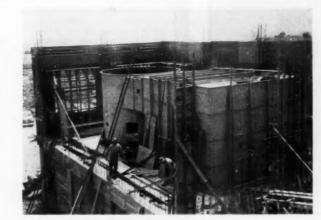


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MECHANICALLY STOKED INCINERATOR

for Alhambra's Wastes

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Taylor & Taylor, Consulting Engineers,

Los Angeles, Calif.

COLLECTION and disposal of the wastes in Alhambra, Calif., are provided for by city ordinances, as follows: The city collects all combustible waste from residential areas; all non-combustible wastes from residential and commercial areas; and all garbage. Other collections are made by private contractors. Garbage is collected by the city twice a week; other waste material is collected once a month.

The method of disposal is as follows: All combustible waste is delivered to the city incinerator. All noncombustible waste is placed on a dump, tin cans and bottles being salvaged by a private contractor. All garbage is delivered to the garbage transfer station where it is received by a private contractor, under city regulation, and hauled daily to a hog farm.

The area of the city is 7.04 sq. miles and the estimated population is 51,338. Thirty-five years ago, when the population was 5,500, an incinerator was constructed on the east side of the city, where a wash afforded a sloped bank. This site permitted economical construction and was adjacent to a low area where the ashes could be disposed of economically. Due to the large increase in population, the incinerator some years ago became unable to burn all the combustible material produced. Deliveries now amount to 80 tons per day and it has been necessary to operate an open fire dump on which about 60 tons of refuse is burned daily.

Advantages of Incineration

Open fire dumps are one of the important sources of smoke in the Los Angeles area. Lack of suitable sites limit the use of sanitary fills and precluded consideration of this method for Alhambra.

A proposal for \$225,000 bonds to finance construction of a 150-ton incinerator was defeated in 1946, along with a number of other improvements. The proposal was resubmitted in 1947 and approved. Taylor and Taylor of Los Angeles were employed as consulting engineers. Their first job was to determine the most favorable location for the incinerator. Three sites were considered. These were evaluated on the basis of the number of trucks required; the number of truck trips per collection day; the weighted average hauling distance; the miles



 STEEL stack with brick lining is being erected. The stack is 125 ft. high and 6 ft. inside top diameter. Substitution of steel for concrete reduced cost. View shows rear of the plant.

per year per truck; the cost of labor, truck operation and truck investment; and the cost of ash removal hauling. This analysis, which assumed that in all cases, ash would be hauled to the present city dump, showed an advantage for the present incinerator site.

The costs for an incinerator having a capacity of 150 tons per 24 hours were computed to be \$1.16 per ton for operation and \$0.65 per ton for annual fixed charges, a total of \$1.81 per ton for the present site, as compared to \$2.04 for each of the other sites under consideration. The combined costs of collection and operation, plus fixed charges, were estimated at \$5.03 per ton for the present site, compared to \$5.42 and \$5.46 for the other sites. Cheaper ash disposal and more favorable topography for construction were the principal factors in favor of this location.

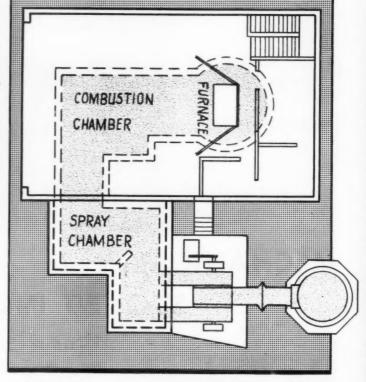
Recommendations of the Engineers

The consultants therefore recommended: (1) Use of the present site; (2) specifications to provide truly competitive bidding; (3) adequate guarantees by the contractor covering cost of operation and smoke, ash and odor control; (4) a basis for design for mixed refuse consisting of 20% unwrapped garbage and 80%

refuse; and (5) gravity handling of ash, made possible by the two-level topography as the recommended site.

These recommendations were approved and the 20-year bonds were offered at a coupon interest rate of 21/4%. These were sold with a pre-

neering and Research Corporation of New York, specifying the installation of a Nichols monohearth mechanically-stoked incincerator, submitted a low bid of \$239,800 for the one-furnace plant. The Nichols proposal also submitted the lowest guaranteed maintenance and opera-



 PLAN OF the incinerator building. The furnace, combustion chamber and spray chamber, on the lower floor, are shown in broken lines. Office and toilet, locker and shower rooms are at the right end of the building. Motors, duct, fan and chimney are shown at lower right.

mium which reduced the net interest rate to 2.05%.

Alternates were provided for either a one-furnace plant of 150-tons capacity in 24-hours, or a plant with two 75-ton units. Specifications covered the usual items of furnace chamber volume, combustion chamber volume, ash hoppers, gas passages and velocities, clearances, chimney, and plant facilities. Operational guarantees were required covering smoke and ash discharge from the chimney, temperature, and operating efficiency. Bids were opened in late 1948. Three bids were received. The Nichols Engi-

tion cost specifying that this cost will not exceed \$0.63 per ton during the first year for the incineration of the specific refuse. The bid specified completion in 350 calendar days.

The bond issue also included funds to construct a new garbage transfer station in addition to the incinerator. In order to assure the financing of this garbage transfer station it was deemed advisable to make certain changes in the incinerator which in no way lessen its efficiency. By mutual agreement between the low bidder and the City a steel stack, brick-lined, was substituted for the concrete brick-lined stack as orig-

inally specified and a canopy at the building entrance was eliminated. This substitution and elimination reduced the low bid to \$227,700.

The New Incinerator

The new incinerator plant will have three stories-the upper or charging floor: the second or stoking floor; and the ash room floor. The charging floor is designed so trucks can back into the plant and discharge either directly into the furnace or onto the floor, allowing the truck to unload immediately if the furnace is full. A rubber-tired tractor with a pusher blade then will charge the furnace through a 4' x 7' opening in the top of furnace. A refractory-lined door mounted on wheels and tracks will cover the opening. The door is motor-operated and controlled from a push-button station located on the charging floor.

The furnace will contain a mechanically-stoked unit designed to incinerate 150 tons of rubbish each 24 hours. This will be contained in a vertical cylinder 15 feet in outside diameter, with 9 ins. of fire brick and 41/2 inches of insulation encased in a 3/16-inch shell. Total area of the furnace inside the brick wall will be 125.5 square feet and, at rated capacity, this results in a combined drying and burning rate of about 100 lbs. per square foot

of area per hour.

The furnace will discharge its combustion products through a combustion chamber, and a spray chamber to remove the fly-ash. The spray chamber will be equipped with water sprays automatically-con-trolled with modulating valve with modulating valve operated by a pyrometer to maintain a temperature of approximately 600°F. as the gases leave the spray chamber. To overcome the loss through the spray chamber the incinerator unit will have an induced draft fan of 55,000-CFM capacity at 600°F driven by a 25-hp variable speed motor. The fan will discharge into a steel, brick-lined stack with an inside diameter of 6 ft. at the top and 125 feet high above the grates. The combustion chamber volume inside the walls will be 2,250 cubic feet, equivalent to 15 cubic feet per ton of refuse burned per 24 hours. The furnace will be provided with a forced-draft fan driven by a 5-hp motor to provide air for combustion.

Ashes from the furnace will be dumped into ash hopper located beneath the unit. The slopes of the ash hopper will be such as to result in easy discharge of the ash and furnace residue directly into trucks. The ash hopper will be provided with a hand-operated gate, designed so that it can be readily operated by one man, and will be provided with ash quenching sprays installed to permit thorough quenching of the

Fly-ash and dust from the combustion chamber, flues and spray chamber will be discharged directly into trucks through two ports in the floor of the combustion chamber.

The following instruments will be installed: One recording pyrometer in the office on the charging floor to record the temperature in the combustion chamber, one indicating pyrometer to show the temperature in the combustion chamber, and another to indicate the temperature in the chimney, and one draft gauge to measure the draft in the combustion chamber. The indicating pyrometers and the draft gauge are on a panel in the operating room. A communication system will be provided between the operating floor and charging floor so that charging of the furnace can be coordinated properly with the operation of the furnace.

The operator will be able to control the Monohearth furnace, forceddraft fan, and induced-draft fan by using push-button stations located conveniently on the operating floor. W. M. Jarrett, City Engineer of Alhambra, is in responsible charge of the incinerator project and reports directly to E. A. Ingham, City Manager of Alhambra. The Nichols Engineering & Research Corporation are the general contractors and are responsible for the detailed design of the incinerator plant. The Nichols Company is represented by Paul C. Rich, West Coast Representative, and E. V. Tait, Construction Superintendent. Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, Los Angeles, California, under whose directions the preliminary site investigation, and contract documents were prepared, and who are supervising the construction, are represented by the



COMPLETED incinerator structure, ready for work, as viewed from the rear. Ash is removed through door at lowest level

How a

DIFFICULT DRAINAGE PROBLEM

was Solved

This article was sent us by George E. Bean, City Manager of Pontiac.
The technical information was furnished by the office of the City
Engineer, Lewis M. Wrenn. Robert O. Wright, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Bean, prepared the data for publication. The photographs were taken by the Engineering Department and the way
was prepared by the Planning Department.

VERY difficult drainage prob-A lem, due principally to two related factors, faced the City of Pontiac. The rapid expansion of industrial plants since 1920 resulted in a need for more and better storm and sanitary sewer drainage. This was true around the plants as well as in the newly-built-up residential areas. Combined with this need was the limited tax resources of the 30's which prevented the constuction of necessary drainage. Financial limitations were much more serious in Pontiac during this period than in many other cities, primarily because Pontiac is a one-industry (General Motors) town where the main product (Pontiac automobiles) is somewhat of a luxury item. During the depression years the unemployed residents could not pay for the necessary storm drainage, even under liberal WPA or PWA programs. Thus, the engineering plans of the 20's were not put into construction. A third factor was also present. The unavailability of materials during the war prevented construction in the early 40's and the post-war period was reached with a much aggravated need for better storm drainage.

One of the most needed drains was the District "C" Storm Sewer which now provides adequate outlet for a large industrial and residential drainage area on the north side of

Pontiac. This drain also diverts about 80% of the flow from Harris Lake, discharging it directly into the Clinton River, 11/2 miles downstream from the point where Pontiac Creek enters the River. Water from Harris Lake otherwise follows a meandering course through Terry Lake, Osmun Lake, and Pontiac Creek, into the Clinton River, Diversion of some of the flow from Harris Lake relieved flooding conditions along the lower meandering course of Pontiac Creek by eliminating 37% of its flow volume through the downtown area.

Unknown Factors in the Project

The unknown factors about the proposed construction made it the most interesting constuction project of the year. The new 84" storm drain was to connect an 84" storm outlet from a combined sewer with a 102" storm drain that discharged directly into the Clinton River. The District "C" Storm Sewer was to cross an area which was soft and swampy, but the exact ground conditions were unknown. Due to the boggy conditions, it was thought that the entire length of 2,433 feet would need a concrete cradle. Piling was also expected to be necessary along certain sections, but it was not known how much piling would be needed.

After all of the preliminary legal

procedures, the bid of the Fattore Company of Centerline, Michigan was accepted for \$109,583.50. The contract was signed March 8, 1948, for the work to be completed by October 1, 1948. Due to extra quantities of piling and concrete used in construction, the total amount paid to the contractor was \$142,410.45 with an additional \$2,457.01 added to the cost of the job for city expenses. The full costs of construction were assessed against the benefited property owners in the area drained. The average 50' x 120' lot paid about \$22.00 for the improvement.

Equipment and Materials

Reinforced concrete pipe was furnished by Lytell and Colgrove at Clarkston, Michigan. The supporting cradle required 1,816 cubic yards of concrete of the following proportions: 1 part cement, 3 parts sand, and 6 parts gravel. There were 9,080



 DRIVING piles for 84-inch sewer.

lineal feet of timber piling driven to grade with a minimum diameter of 8 inches.

Equipment included 2 Northwest machines, 1 small Koehring, 1 transit-mix truck, and 1 pile driving outfit with a Vulcan #2 single action hammer, driven by a Worthington diesel-powered air compressor. Sand points and a pump were rented from a Chicago firm for \$2000 for use as needed wherever test borings showed a mixture of sand and water.

At the beginning of the job, a Northwest equipped with a backhoe was used at the manhole connection into the 102" sewer. Here the grade line was 22' below the surface. The other Northwest was equipped with a clamshell bucket to clean out the bottom of the trench for the concrete cradle. Walers (8" x 8" x 16")

The pipe was laid by either of the Northwests using a cable inserted through a small hole in the top of the pipe and secured with a pin. Sometimes the dragline used for excavating and sometimes the clamshell used for grading would be used to lay the pipe.

A cone-shaped concrete bucket with a bottom opening was used to put the concrete in place around the pipe. Transitmix trucks dumped concrete into the hopper which was then swung over the excavation with the Koehring crane. The cradle was poured up to the one-quarter line on the pipe along most of the sewer's length. Backfilling was done with a bulldozer and a dragline, being careful to keep the machines off the top of the pipe.

The concrete cradle was laid on a



 CONCRETE bucket, handled by crane, is placing concrete in trench bottom to support the 84-inch storm sewer shown in rear.

were used to brace the sheeting (2" x 10" x 16") for the first twenty-five feet of excavation.

The first sections of pipe were short lengths laid on a 30' radius with joint forms built and joints poured by the contractor, extra care being taken to see that the joints were properly sealed. The ditch was too wide for normal use of batter boards so after the grade was established at the manhole, a white cord was stretched between poles 22' above grade, thereby permitting the use of a 22' pole to establish the grade of the pipe. Variations from grade were not more than 2" either way. The 30' radius gradually blended into a 300' radius.

clay bottom except where piling was required or where a sand and gravel mixture proved suitable. Suitable clay was found along 1,008 feet of the line; piling was used along 1,051 feet; and a sand and gravel base was necessary for 375 feet. In a few instances the clay was covered with 4 to 5 feet of gray marl and black peat immediately below the flow line. Where possible, this 4 to 5 feet of unsuitable material was removed down to the clay base, and the section backfilled with the concrete cradle material. It seemed cheaper to do this than resort to piling, which was necessary for the sections where the depth to good soil was greater.



 Laying the pipe; stabilization and fine grading in foreground.

At first 30' piling was tried but good bearing (35,0000 lbs.) was later obtained with 20' piling. After piling was used for a distance of 375 feet, the clay stratum again came up to within 2' below the flow line, thus permitting the 2' concrete cradle called for in the specifications. Where the clay rose to one foot above the flowline, a cradle only 8" deep was permitted by the inspector.

At another point it appeared piling might be necessary, but after the contractor drained the area, clay was found only 3' below the flowline.

At about the middle of the sewer line the clay stratum disappeared and we encountered sand and water. It had been thought that this section of ground would require the use of sand points and would be the most expensive section to handle. However, when the trench was opened, water was easily kept under control with pumps and the bottom turned out to be sand and gravel, providing a good base for the cradle.

After 300 feet of the sand and gravel formation, a clay bottom was again found. Where the pipe crossed Nelson Street the cradle was poured up to the spring line of the pipe, giving complete support to the bottom half of the pipe at a point where it was just below the pavement. The last 600 feet of pipe again required 30' piling when the firm clay disappeared.

It can be stated without reservation that the size of the project plus the uncertainties of ground conditions made the construction of the District "C" Storm Sewer the most interesting job of the year.

WINTER MAINTENANCE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

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E XCEPT for a few special jobs like clearing the streets for a President's inaugural celebration, I shouldn't imagine that the Nation's capital has any more or any less snow and ice control problems than other cities of comparable size within the snow belt. However, I do believe that our program is unique in several ways and may, therefore, be of interest to others in the business.

In discussing Washington's winter maintenance it is well to start with the organization of the city's forces. They include the Division of Sanitation, Highway Department, Sewer Division and Water Department, plus a considerable number of extra laborers and hired trucks. In addition, the local transit company operates an important sanding program over its bus routes, and the U. S. Park Service maintains a force for the sanding of roads within park areas.

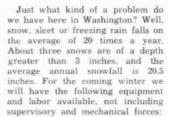
Cost of the Program

Expenditures in the city under this program, depending on the severity of the winter, can vary from \$50,000 to \$300,000 or more annually, based on the limitation of available funds. The major cost of the snow program is for the spreading of abrasives and the hauling of snow from business streets, principally in the heart of the downtown area, but including several outlying business districts, bridges, and important intersections.

Before elaborating upon our snow and ice control methods, I would like to review two very important changes that we have brought about.



First, we have installed a new system of dealing with conditions during a rush-hour period. We now send special crews at once to the troubled spots, ignoring temporarily less important locations. We have found these tactics to be a great improvement over our older methods. Secondly, we in the Department are convinced that good sanding units are prerequisites to successful ice control. Two years ago we added several truck type spreaders to our fleet. They require but one man and cover twice as much highway as does the old unit that called for a driver and two laborers. This new equipment has provided cheaper and speedier coverage, and from the standpoint of quick mobilization is greatly superior.



DC forces, 160 plows, 37 sanders, 4 rotary loaders, 26 bucket type loaders, 1 crane loader, 1 belt type loader, 277 trucks, 8 graders, 3 tractors and jeeps for sidewalks, 353 drivers and 1,310 laborers.

Other forces: Capital Transit Co., 21 plows, 28 sanders, 4 bucket type loaders, 33 trucks and 25 drivers, and 80 laborers. National Capital Parks, 19 plows, 13 sanders, 1 rotary loader, 28 trucks, 1 grader, 5 tractor or jeep plows for sidewalks, 40 drivers and 215 laborers.

This gives a total force of 200 snow plows, 78 sanders, 37 loaders of various types, 338 trucks, 8 sidewalk plows, 428 drivers and 1,605 laborers.

All components listed operate under a master plan, each handling its own responsibilities.



The plowing program is confined to approximately 342 miles of arterial and heavily travelled streets. In the event of a 10-inch



 STOCKPILE of abrasives is being treated with calcium chloride to prevent freezing and increase efficiency. snow falling at the rate of 1 inch per hour, and based on the estimate that each route is covered once every two hours, it would be necessary for the plows to travel an aggregate of 12,-500 miles during the 10-hour period of the snowfall in order to keep open the entire width of the 342 miles of street.

An emergency plowing program of snows more than 12 inches deep is confined to 122 miles of arterial highways. This program is set up in the event of a heavy snow, and all available plowing equipment will be concentrated on these particular highways to attempt to keep the roadways open for emergency vehicles to provide coal, fuel oil, food, medical treatment, etc., to residents of the District. Heavy windrows at important intersections are given special attention.

The complete removal of snow by



SELF-HELP containers are located at numerous points in city.

ing snow from crosswalks, catch basins and fire hydrants; and clearing and hauling of snow from important intersections, bridges, etc.

Sanding equipment proceeds over scheduled routes of streets selected

to keep them from freezing in stockpiles and to help embed them on the surface of the ice. Calcium chloride works quickly at low temperatures and keeps the sand from being swept off the road by wind and traffic. Calcium chloride is also used straight on some of the Capital's more important bridges. Rock salt is also used in direct application on some streets. We must exercise care in the use of straight chemicals because of our underground third rail streetcar transit system. If chemicals are applied too near the lines, shortcircuiting will result. This handicaps us greatly since it prevents the use of chemicals in the heart of the city and at many critical intersections.

200,000 Parked Cars

Our greatest obstacle toward doing a really effective job of snow and ice control is parked cars. Wash-



 PLOWING to the curb, possible when there are no parked cars, widens the travelable way.



PARKED cars on main streets make plowing difficult and complicate snow removal.

loading and hauling in trucks (and disposing of it into sewer manholes and in the Potomac) is confined to some 33 miles of streets in the downtown and outlying business districts. By the use of all available District labor and equipment, supplemented with extra labor and trucks, the program contemplates a force consisting of 1300 men, 300 trucks, and available mechanical equipment, working mainly during the traffic-free hours of the night and for a number of shifts, depending upon the severity of the snow storms.

White Wing Work

As part of the snow hauling program the regular white wing force (numbering some 250 men) is assigned the task of improving the conditions in their respective areas throughout the city by stationing sand crews on important hills; clear-

because of the presence of hills, and the volume of traffic. In recent years the sanding program has been supplemented by placing of some 150 self-help receptacles at strategic points. The receptacles are kept filled with calcium chloride treated abrasives. As stated previously, special sand crews are also stationed on a few of the more critical hills to assist traffic during daylight hours. In addition to scheduled routes, requests for special sanding are responded to as promptly as available forces permit. This request service is maintained 24 hours a day during freezing weather. Twoway radios installed in sanding units last year proved very satisfactory and consideration is being given to expanding the use of radio to other phases of snow work.

All abrasives used by the District are treated with calcium chloride ington's population has, I think, increased more rapidly than any other city in the country—it has been nearly tripled since the start of the recent war. Many apartments, inadequate housing and the trend toward building garageless homes, have all



Courtesy Good Roads

 ONE TYPE of sanding equipment used for applying aggregate. contributed to a serious parking situation. With some 200,000 cars parked on the streets every night, something had to be done. We partially remedied the problem by prohibiting parking from 2 to 8 A.M. on about 86 miles of streets between December 15th and March 15th. These streets are all plowed to the curb. Without this ban a serious traffic condition would exist following a heavy snow due to the narrowed width of roadway left for traffic after bulky windrows of snow have been placed against automobiles parked at the curb.

In Washington, as in many cities, the weight of the winter maintenance responsibility falls on the Department of Sanitation. This means that during prolonged periods of bad weather, men usually engaged in refuse collection must be diverted to snow and ice control work. The result is obvious: a serious threat to the health of the community. Many of the larger cities of this country have solved this to some extent by contracting out a large portion of the work, with the city's forces serving as a reserve for heavy storms only. We are presently considering following similar steps.

We have by no means overcome all our snow and ice control difficulties. They are complex and not to be solved in one fell swoop; a combination of solutions is needed including public understanding and cooperation of the first order. It is doubtful whether the task will ever

be accomplished to the satisfaction of the public as a whole. In large urban areas under present-day traffic conditions the infrequent but inevitable heavy snow fall cannot help but cause chaotic conditions; particularly in latitudes where the large expenditures for a reasonably sufficient fleet of snow equipment are difficult to justify. The subject is one which is currently receiving much attention. It deserves the fullest consideration of all concerned branches of local Government as well as public understanding of the vital need for cooperation during such periods of emergency.

How Hays Eliminates Filter Fly Trouble

Hays, Kansas, operates two 90-ft. sprinkling filters at its sewage treatment plant and experiences the notunusual problem of flies. The operator, Roy Binder, said, in a paper before the Kansas Sewage Works Association: "Several methods have been tried to get rid of them, some more effective than others. Burning with an air-pressure blow torch, as well as dosing with kerosene, creosote, chlorine, and ammonia proved comparatively ineffective.

"Spraying with DDT is the method now used, the dosage being 4 gal. of 5% solution, made up by diluting 1 gal. of 20% concentrate with 3 gal. of water. Every attempt is made to reach all the breeding places at each

spraying. Near the end of April, June and August, the weeds around the filters are mowed, then the flow in the distributor arms is cut off. Using a power sprayer, two men, each with 50 ft. of hose and a fanshaped nozzle, spray the stone, the distributor arms, the inside wall, the outside wall to the runoff point, and the weeds around the filter for a distance of 15 to 20 ft. With this procedure, fly troubles have been eliminated."

Tachographs On City Refuse Trucks JOHN HUBEL

N 1948 the Department of Public Works, Milwaukee, Wisc., decided to try out a tachograph on one of the garbage trucks, so that, at the end of the day, the number of stops for garbage collection could be determined, as well as the length of each stop. Complaints had been received of "soldiering" on the job from several sources. One alderman told of a rendezvous held by crews at some points for "at the curb discussions." When the tachometer was checked, it was said to show a 40 minute stop at one house, although garbage collection from one two-story house should not take more than ten to fifteen minutes at the most, as containers are kept near the alley. One city official says unauthorized delays cost the city about 30% more than if collections were more efficient.

During the experiment, the men complained about being checked up on so carefully, and, as a strike of crews was imminent at that time, the tachometer was taken off and all was well again. However, since that time many complaints have been coming in about slow collections of garbage. The council has now decided to put tachographs on all of the city trucks that operate on a schedule, as those for garbage and ash collection, and the union is again objecting to installations of checking devices.

A Slide Rule for Sewer Design

A slide rule which helps greatly in sewer design has been developed by Irving Goldfien, Civil Engineer of the Bureau of Sewers of Milwaukee. It is based on using the Chezy formula and applies only to circular sewers. The rule is 13 in long and has 10 scales which give almost any desired information with one reading. A "part full" scale is provided for converting full discharge into other depths of flow.

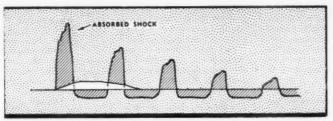
LEADERS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS FIELD







Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Michigan, and Professor of Municipal and Sanitary Engineering, Earnest Boyce has brought to teaching a practical and realistic viewpoint that is refreshing. He is widely known through his long and autstanding service in engineering. He has served in two world wars, with distinction, and with profit to his country. We think the engineering students at Michigan are fortunate.



WHITE AREA shows effect of desurger in reducing water hammer shock and surge in gravity pipe line with quick valve closure.

How Water Hammer and Pipe Line Surges Can be Controlled

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YDRAULIC shock or "water hammer" keeps right on presenting itself as a first class headache, every time a valve is closed against a moving column of liquid; and the ache increases in direct proportion to the increase in velocity, speed of valve closure and volume and length of the liquid column. Much time and money have been spent to overcome this problem. Possibly the greater portion has been expended in "on-the-job" and "inthe-field" emergency measures: all too often it has involved more than simple remedies. Many times it has occasioned revamping of piping, relief and by-pass valves, air chambers and tanks of impressive capacity and thickness to accommodate these shock loads. Perhaps the most familiar device for decreasing water hammer surges is the open surge tank.

Water Hammer Problems

Hydraulic shock travels from its point of origin—the suddenly closed valve—up the pipe line through the hydraulic shock that the resulting shock cycles continue with decreas-(including water) is completed at an average speed of about 3,560 ft. per second. It is characteristic of fluid column and returns to its point of origin. The cycle in many fluids

ing intensity until finally dissipated, with the fluid brought to rest.

The pressure in a pipe line due to water (or other liquid) hammer is dependent on the weight of the fluid (also its density and elasticity); the size, wall thickness and elasticity of the pipe; and the change in the velocity of the fluid column.

The formula for the pressure generated is:

$$P = \frac{\mathbf{w}}{-} \quad V_{\mathfrak{p}} \quad (\mathbf{V} \text{-} \mathbf{v})$$

Where: P is the additional pressure in pounds per sq. ft. due to water hammer;

w is the weight in pounds per cubic foot of the fluid; g is the acceleration due to gravity, or 32.2;

V_p is the velocity of the pressure wave in the particular pipe; for most water pipes, this is about 3,560 feet per second.

V is the original velocity in the pipe in feet per second;

v is the velocity in the pipe after the pressure wave has reached the end of the line and has returned.

For most calculations, a simplified formula may be used which gives the additional pressure due to water hammer in pounds per sq. in.

 $P_1 = 48 \times Spec. Grav. (V-v)$

More recent research appears to indicate that the constant 48 gives insufficient pressures in many cases, and a sounder value would be probably between 52 and 60.

The time required for the pressure wave to travel to the far end of the line and return is important. If the valve is closed in less time than is required for the travel of this pressure wave, the full theoretical water hammer pressure will be developed.

Example—An 8 inch gravity line carries gasoline from a storage tank to a loading rack 1,500 ft. distant. The pressure at the rack is 90 pounds per sq. in. The gasoline, which has a specific gravity of 0.72, is flowing at the rate of 14.1 fps. If the discharge valve is closed in ¾4 second, what will be the resulting pressure in the pipe line?

Solution-The time required for the pressure wave to travel to the end of the line and return is 2 L + V, where L is the length of the line; or $2 \times 1,500 \div 3,560 = 0.84$ second. Since the valve is closed in 0.75 second, full water hammer pressure will be developed, and P1 will equal 48 × 0.72 (14.1-0) or 487 pounds per sq. in. The maximum pressure at the valve under these conditions will then be 487 + 90, or 577 psi. Actual tests were run on this line when velocities were considerably above the 14.1 ft. per sec. indicated in the example, and maximum pressures as high as 1,350 psi. were registered.

If the valve were so controlled that it would accomplish a uniform reduction in velocity over a space of 5 seconds, the water hammer pressure would be much reduced. The actual pressure can be determined by the relationship between the time of closure, the time required for the pressure wave to travel to the end of the line and return, and the pressure developed with a closure time of 0.84 second or less. Computations will show the excess pressure in the 82 psi and the total pressure in the line to be 172 psi when 5.0 seconds are required to close the valve.

There is nothing new about such calculations. However in this discussion they lead to a completely new approach, not only to the solution of water hammer difficulties, ample cited above, the maximum pressure due to water hammer without any control was 1,350 psi.; and with the instrument was 90 psi.

This device, which is called the "Fluidynamic Desurger and Shock Absorber," is an instrument which should have a wide application in the water works field.

How the Desurger Works

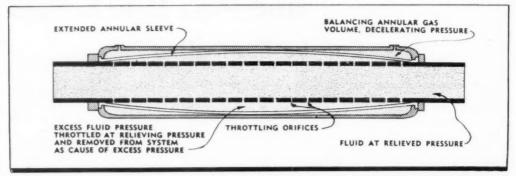
A conventionalized cross-section of the desurger is shown below. The desurger reduces and controls the excess pressures produced by surges or shock, in part by the series of calculated throttling orifices shown in the cross-section. Since the instrument is of through-flow design, this arrangement of orifices reduces shock pressure head in that

previously given, and assuming a quick-closing valve, P_1 would be $48 \times 1 \times 5$, or 240 pounds, plus the static line pressure, the specific gravity of water being 1. How much shock pressure would be removed by the desurger, and what would the remaining pressure due to water hammer be?

Solution.—The percentage of shock removal would be N=100 — (1.66×5) , or 91.7, and the pressure rise due to water hammer would be 240×0.083 , or 20 pounds.

Various curves are reproduced herewith. They are from the test results made by the author at the Oklahoma Institute of Technology and show typical performances.

The desurger was installed on a 4-inch line coming off a 6-in. header.



but also to the control of all types of shock waves in moving liquid columns. Two of the more common and disturbing of these—the surges set up under certain conditions by reciprocating and centrifugal pumps —will be discussed later in this article.

An excellent reference on pipe line surges is: "Surge Problems in Pipelines" by S. Logan Kerr, ASME, 1949.

Controlling Water Hammer

This new approach to these problems comes in the form of a through-flow instrument which can be applied to any line or system, close to the origin of the trouble. This device, which was tested in our laboratories, suppresses water hammer and removes harmful surges from pipe lines. Tests by our Division of Engineering Research showed that this instrument removed 75% of the shock pressure rise on a quick-closing valve in a 4-inch pipe with a water velocity of 16.5 fps. On the same line, with instantaneous valve closure, 90% to 96% of the shock pressure rise was removed at velocities up to 6.5 fps. In the ex-

THIS IS A sectional view of the desurger showing its component parts and how it reduces water hammer shock and surge.

portion of the liquid column moving through it. As the excess head or volume moves out of the liquid column through these orifices, it is throttled and a portion of its energy removed. Through this operation, it has extended the annular sleeve which is balanced with relation to the nominal line pressure by loading the annular chamber with gas or air.

When the chamber pressure expels the excess volume back into the line, as the surge pressure falls, the throttling orifices again act to remove another large percentage of its damaging energy. It has been established by our tests that the percentage of shock removed by this instrument for velocities of less than 15 fps may be determined by the following formula:

N = 100 - 1.66V

where N is the percentage of shock pressure removed; and

V is the initial velocity in the pipe line before valve closure.

Example.—The velocity in a water pipe line is 5 fps. Using the formula

Line pressure with no flow was maintained between 25 and 30 psi. The valve used was of the quickclosing plug type, manually operated, with an estimated closure time of 0.1 second. In addition to several visual Bourdon type gages, readings and indicator cards were obtained by a cantilever type Bacharach engine indicator with a 400-lb./in. spring. Average velocity in the 4inch test line was increased by 1 fps increments and at each velocity measurements of pressure were made both with and without the desurger.

During our tests an incident occurred which illustrates how shock pressure rises. The lubricated plug valve was closed instantaneously. The high pressure on the valve resulting from water hammer stripped four and one-half threads from the 4-inch pipe and blew the valve across the floor. The pipe jumped from its resting place; and the foot valve on a 6-inch pump 260 ft. distant was snapped off. Two 300 psi gauges were broken.

This desurger is available in pipe sizes from ¼ in. to 16 in. For lines of extreme length, where it is desirable to reduce the peak surges markedly, several units may be installed either in parallel or in series. Arrangement in parallel permits inspection without shutting off the flow through the line.

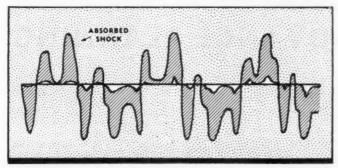
High-Volume, Low-Cycle Pump Surges

The repetitive surges of the highvolume, low frequency character that are often generated by reciprocating pumps may be troublesome and destructive factors in such pump installations. For testing purposes, the desurger was installed on the discharge side of a reciprocating pump where it acted on the surge or able, but it was estimated that the surge was decreased to less than 10 psi, or to about 6% of the original. This gives a reduction of 94%. Visual observation of the Bourdon pressure gages used to obtain average pressures indicated a reduction of about 96%. Several runs were made at different pressures and these checked satisfactorily.

Low-Volume, High-Cycle Surges

The desurger had another marked effect. At the highest possible speed on the control runs, the pump and attachments vibrated severely and there was much noise. With the desurger on the discharge line, both noise and vibration were greatly reduced.

High frequency surges of low am-



 SHOCK absorbed by desurger (dark vs. white areas) in low-cycle high-volume surges generated by reciprocating pumps.

excess head caused by the piston action of the pump and by the opening and closure of the valves in the pump. Our tests indicated that the pump flow, under such conditions, could be smoothed out to a plus or minus 5% of the pressure rises, regardless of their size or frequency.

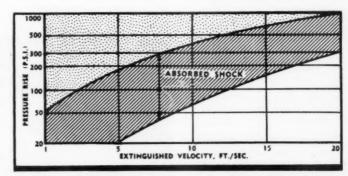
The test data from our Division of Engineering Research are typical of the pressures produced by 2-cylinder reciprocating pumps of the double acting type. The figure herewith shows the actual surges in a 41/2" x 6" double acting mud pump with and without the desurger in action on the discharge flow. These surges were obtained by means of a cantilever type Bacharach engine indicator equipped with a 400-pound spring. To obtain the cards shown, some horizontal adjustment of the time axis was necessary in order to superimpose the results. The maximum difference in pressure, without the desurger, was about 170 psi... With the desurger in the discharge line, surge was so reduced that accurate measurements could not be obtained with the instruments availplitude, are produced by centrifugal, rotary vane and gear pumps. These surges are cyclic and usually sinosoidal in character and, by reflection from pipe bends and fittings, may superimpose, resulting in standing waves resonating at pressures considerably above line pressures. This application of the desurger was investigated. For this test, Bourdon

gages were installed in the test section of the line and a Bacharach engine indicator with a 400-pound spring was used to record pressures. The indicator card for the control run was left in place and another control line, using the desurger, was obtained directly on top of the first line. A Brinell type microscope was used for measuring the magnitude of the fluctuations. With this equipment, distances from center to center of the lines in the paper could be read to one-fiftieth of a millimeter, or to about one pound. Since no fluctuations were observed for speeds up to about 12 cycles per second, when the desurger was in the line, it was assumed that the pressure variation was less than 1 psi. The lowest reliable efficiency measured was 68% at 23 cycles per second. At this speed, because of the excessive vibration of the testing equipment, it was considered advisable to use more substantial testing equipment.

A 6-inch centrifugal pump, with a 6-bladed impeller, operating at 1745 rpm was then used. If each blade of the impeller imparts a surge, there should be 174.5 cycles per second of low amplitude surges in the line. At normal operating speeds, the test equipment on control runs showed a pressure variation of 3.75 psi about twice a second, and 1.25 psi so fast that it could hardly be noted. With the desurger in the line, the largest surges had a magnitude of 0.312 psi, with no minor surges. This indicates a removal of 91.5% of the surges at 174.5 cycles per second. For this work, the most sensitive Bacharach piston type engine indicator was used.

Additional tests have checked one extremely interesting observation made on the reciprocating pump

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 THIS DIAGRAM shows, for a typical case, the absorbed shock in pounds per sq. in. at velocities from 1 to 20 ft. per sec.

How to get



for PUBLIC WORKS ADVANCE PLANNING

PERE F. SEWARD

Commissioner, Community Facilities Service General Services Administration

WITH regulations and rules completed and approved Administrator of General Services Jess Larson has announced the new Advance Planning Program for non-Federal public works is ready to go.

Reflecting inquiries that have come into the General Services Administration offices since the 81st Congress authorized \$100,000,000 to reactivate the program for two years, 5,000 application forms have been forwarded to the division offices of GSA's Community Facilities Service which will administer the program.

An initial appropriation of \$25,-000,000 has been apportioned among the States under a formula fixed by the Act, except for a discretionary fund of \$5,592,529 which is reserved for the Administrator's use in communities where unemployment distress exists or impends. Minimum apportionment to any State is \$90,-938. This appropriation is expected to bring needed local public works to cost an estimated \$750,000,000 through blueprint and specifications preparation.

Planning Loans Are Available

Planning loans will be available, without interest, to States, cities and counties; school, sanitary, levee, and drainage districts; townships and other political subdivisions. An

advance of 25 per cent of the planning cost will be available immediately as soon as an application for a planning project is approved, with the balance of the loan payable when plans are completed. Each loan is repayable into the U. S. Treasury when building work gets under way, and construction generally is to be started, within three years after plans have been approved.

Among the purposes of the advance planning loans is the encouragement of non-Federal public agencies to maintain a live reserve shelf of fully planned public works projects ready to go into construction should economic conditions make this desirable; and the attainment of a maximum efficiency and economy in the planning and con-

struction of public works. Projects for which GSA approves planpreparation loans must conform to an over-all state, local or regional plan, where such exists.

The need for school plant facilities in all parts of the country are listed predominantly in the early inquiries from potential participants in the new program. Many types of public works are eligible for planning advances, however, except projects for which Federal funds from other agencies are available.

What is Included

Sewer, water and sanitation projects including incinerator plants and malarial control facilities.

Highways, roads, and urban streets; culverts, drainage facilities, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; guard





rails and guard walls, road and street lighting, traffic control facilities, roadside landscaping and other similar work.

Bridges, viaducts, grade separations and grade crossing eliminations, tunnels.

Airports, including terminal and administration buildings and hangars; grading, leveling and seeding of landing fields; construction of runways, aprons, taxi strips; landing platforms, seaplane ramps, drainage and lighting facilities.

Schools and administration buildings, auditoriums, gymnasiums and dormitories; public libraries.

Public hospitals, nurses' homes, clinics, laboratories, health centers and sanitariums.

Non-Federal public buildings such as city and town halls, courthouses, institutional and administrative buildings, police and fire stations, garages and storage buildings.

Parks and other recreational facilities including playgrounds, fairgrounds, athletic fields, gymnasiums and swimming pools.

Miscellaneous public facilities such as transportation and port facilities; public markets; public docks, wharves and piers, and non-Federal river and harbor improvements.

Under the first Advance Planning Program, May 1945—June 1947. 11.216 applications for plan preparation loans amounting to \$113.323,258 were received. Congress had appropriated \$65,000,000. Some applications were withdrawn, others were turned down when the need for the project was not deemed essential or the applicant could not give assurance of ability to finance construction. When the program ended, however, 6,790 public works projects to

cost an estimated \$2,683,914,258 had been approved for planning assistance.

Where to Get Assistance in Planning

Applications for planning assistance may be made directly to the Division Engineers of the Community Facilities Service in the following locations:

William D. Jones, 42 Broadway, New York 4, N. Y.—Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts.

Henry J. Sullivan, 1729 New York Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.— Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia

Oliver T. Ray, 114 Marietta St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

Roland C. Ashton, 1122 U. S. Post Office, **Chicago** 7, II!.—Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin.

C. W. Anderson, Fidelity Bldg., Kansas City 6, Mo.—Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota.

W. H. Sindt, Texas & Pacific Bldg., Fort Worth 2, Texas—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas.

Wright L. Felt, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco 11, Calif.—Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada.

L. R. Durkee, 618 Second Ave., Seattle 4, Wash.—Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alaska.

Emil Sandquist, U. S. Custom House, Denver 2, Colo.—Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming.

TOTAL ALLOTMENT TO STATES, PUBLIC WORKS ADVANCE PLANNING

Alabama	384,484	New Hampshire	90,938
Arizona	90,938	New Jersey	564,540
Arkansas	264,446	New Mexico	90,938
California	937,020	New York	1,828,934
Colorado	152,411	North Carolina	484,697
Connecticut	231,891	North Dakota	90,938
Delaware	90,938	Ohio	937,384
Florida	257,535	Oklahoma	317,008
Georgia	423,951	Oregon	147,864
Idaho	90,938	Pennsylvania	1,343,328
Illinois	1,071,607	Rhode Island	96,758
Indiana	465,054	South Carolina	257,717
Iowa	344,471	South Dakota	90,938
Kansas	244,440	Tennessee	395,578
Kentucky	386,121	Texas	870,454
Louisiana	320,828	Utah	90,938
Maine	114,945	Vermont	90,938
Maryland	247,168	Virginia	363,386
Massachusetts	585,819	Washington	235,528
Michigan	713,132	West Virginia	258,081
Minnesota	378,846	Wisconsin	425,769
Mississippi	296,274	Wyoming	90,938
Missouri	513,615	District of Columbia	90,938
Montana	90,938	Alaska	90,938
Nebraska	178,601	Hawaii	90,938
Nevada	90,938	Puerto Rico	253,716

HOW TWO CITIES use CRAWLER TRACTORS







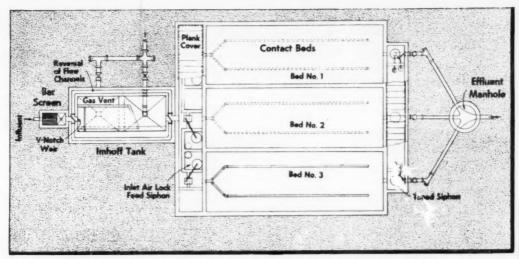
The problem of refuse disposal is handled by sanitary fill in Colorado Springs, Colo. The city has an IHC diesel crawler tractor equipped with a bulldozer and a 4-yard rear-dump scraper made by Bucyrus-Erie. This equipment is used to dig a trench about 16 feet deep and 40 feet long, the dirt from the trench being piled at either end. Refuse, including garbage, is dumped at the edge of the trench by the collection vehicles, and then bulldozed into the trench. It is then leveled and compacted by working the tractor-bulldozer unit back and forth over it until a thickness of about 3 feet of compacted refuse is obtained.

It is then covered with about a foot of compacted dirt which is brought in by the scraper from the stock piles at the end of the trench. This dirt is spread evenly and thoroughly compacted. Another layer of refuse is then spread on top of the compacted and covered layer, and so on until the trench is completely filled. A new trench is then dug. Delivery of refuse is not strictly regulated and private deliveries occasionally result in dump fires. A sprinkler truck is used to control these.

Denver uses an IHC TD-9 diesel crawler tractor, equipped with an Isaacson bulldozer as a general maintenance unit for its waterworks system. This unit is used for trenching, backfilling and general utility work, especially along the irrigation ditches which provide water for farms on the outskirts of the city and feed several of the city park reservoirs.

Another IHC tractor and bull-dozer is used by the Denver Department of Public Works for refuse disposal. In general, the same method of ditching, depositing, leveling and covering of the refuse is used as was described above for Colorado Springs.

 The top illustration shows the refuse disposal unit used by Colorado Springs. The two lower illustrations are of the equipment used by Denver.



A WELL DESIGNED plant for a summer camp where subsurface disposal is impossible.

SEWAGE TREATMENT for SUMMER CAMPS and HOTELS

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SUMMER camps, boarding houses, summer hotels, country clubs and similar seasonal recreational establishments have increased manyfold in numbers and in size in the past several years. This growth has resulted from the development of many rural areas because of increased summer migration of urban population. As a result, the sanitary facilities of summer recreational areas have acquired increased significance from the public health standpoint. Also, coincident with these conditions has been the passage of pollution control laws by many states. Thus, many of these establishments are subject to more rigid requirements for sewage disposal than has hitherto been the case.

Proper disposal of human and domestic wastes from summer camps and hotels is of extreme importance to prevent contamination: (1) Of drinking water supplies; (2) of food by insects and rodents which may come in contact with such wastes; (3) of waters used for bathing, fishing or other recreational purposes; and (4) to avoid disagreeable nuisance, odors and unsightliness.

Economic Considerations

Many camps and hotels are faced with considerable financial outlays for construction and operation of sewage treatment facilities. It is necessary for the designing engineer to make a thorough study of each individual case so that sewage treatment can be provided with maximum economy of construction and operation.

Factors affecting cost include site topography, soil conditions, elevation of the ground water table and treatment requirements. Final choice of type of treatment and plant location should be based on estimates of costs of alternative approved solutions. In cases where more than one building is to be served, it may be necessary to study the relative costs of providing sewers and a central treatment plant as against provid-

ing separate treatment units for each building. Pumping costs, both initial and operating should be evaluated against the cost of deep excavation for gravity conduits. This is particularly important where rock excavation may be necessary.

Quantity and Quality of Sewage

The population to be served may vary from as few as fifty persons to as much as five hundred or more. The quantity of sewage may vary from 25 gallons per person per day, for outdoor camps with a small number of plumbing fixtures, to 150 gallons per person per day for the larger camps and hotels with numerous fixtures. The best method of determination of sewage flows is by sewer gauging whenever this is possible: while for completely new establishments anticipated flows and their probable variations must be predicted from the population, number and type of fixtures and type of establishment.

In a survey made by public works magazine, the requirements for average design flows of various state sanitary engineers were as follows for summer camps:

Arkanses				gpcd.
Connecticut			60	gpcd.
Indiana			100	gpcd.
New York	25	to	75	gpcd.
Montana	50	to	65	gpcd.
Texas	50	to	70	gpcd.

Some hotels may have average flows of as high as 150 gallons per capita per day.

Sewage flow characteristics at camps will differ from municipal flows to the extent that peaks will be higher and variations rapid. Where a central treatment plant is used, the hydraulic capacity should be adequate for peak flows of about three times the daily average rate.

The sewage quality will vary with the type of establishment, type of activities and predominance of male or female population. By and large, the sewage from summer recreational establishments will tend to be more concentrated and to contain a higher proportion of grease during hours of extensive kitchen operations: and generally a greater proportion of volatile matter will be contained in relation to the hotel solids. Laundry operations in the larger camps and hotels may produce problems of interference with secondary treatment units. These problems can be solved in some instances by the scheduling of discharges and in severe cases by the separation and separate treatment of the laundry wastes.

Requirement and Methods of Treatment

The degree of sewage treatment required will vary with the characteristics of the receiving stream, the size of the installation and the requirements of surrounding environment. Under present conditions most states have laws and regulations regarding the degree of treatment required. Where such regulations do not exist, it is the duty of the engineer to provide for sewage disposal to accomplish the objectives outlined above in a manner commensurate with maximum economy.

For the treatment of sewage at the medium or smaller installation the engineer has a choice of two basic methods of treatment: (1) The septic tank followed by a subsurface leaching trench or a subsurface tile field, intermittent sand filter or contact bed; and (2) an Imhoff tank followed by a trickling filter, intermittent sand filter or contact bed, together with sludge drying beds.

For the larger camps and hotels

there are available various excellent "package" plants utilizing the activated sludge process or contact aeration process. These will provide any desired degree of treatment.

In most cases, hand raked bar screens should be provided and in all cases where kitchen wastes are present, grease traps are essential. Chlorination of effluents discharged to water courses is required in most cases.

Design of the Plant

Design of the sewage treatment plant should provide for maximum utility and simplicity at least cost; and should recognize the important factors of seasonal use, operation by untrained operators, pleasant appearance and inoffensive operation. Mechanical equipment which might require extensive maintenance after the winter shutdown period should be avoided. Materials used should be of facile availability. Simplicity of construction without the necessity for heavy construction equipment should be given a maximum of consideration. Access to construction sites may be limited, in mountainous areas, by steep and relatively unimproved roads. Where possible, design should permit construction by relatively unskilled hand labor. For sites on islands, the only inexpensive means of transporting equipment and materials may be by sled in the wintertime over the ice.

Full allowance should be made in the design for necessary future enlars ement of the plant. All too often the lack of provisions for the future results in added expense later and incongruous and uneconomical layouts. A simple means of measuring flows should be provided.

Maintenance and plant enlargement are immeasurably aided when record drawings are available to show the exact location and nature of underground structures and conduits.

Designing engineers should provide operating instructions for the use of the operator. These instructions should advise as to the function of each part of the plant, the proper manner of its operation and the tools and materials required for operation, maintenance and testing.

Typical Design of a Plant

Sandy subsoil and favorable ground water levels generally favor the use of septic tanks or Imhoff tanks followed by subsurface tile field or leaching trench disposal. This method of sewage disposal is in most cases inexpensive in construction and operation and finds good application when soil conditions are suitable.

Disposal to water courses may be necessary when subsurface disposal is impossible due to unfavorable subsurface conditions or lack of space for the extensive subsurface drainage normally required for the larger installations. Secondary treatment will be required in most such instances. Trickling filters, contact beds, intermittent sand filters, the activated sludge process, and contact aeration-any of these may be chosen for the secondary process. The final selection will be made to secure a balance between economy and requirements for the degree of treatment.

Sewage treatment facilities for a summer camp where subsurface disposal would not be possible are shown in the accompanying illustration. This plant comprises an Imhoff tank followed by contact beds. Sludge is dried on covered drying beds at a downhill location permitting gravity discharge from Imhoff tank. Design is for a boys' camp of 200 persons, with a sewage flow of 50 gallons per capita daily. This plant embodies the characteristics of low cost and simplicity of construction, operation and maintenance and presents a pleasing appearance. The Imhoff tank and siphon chambers are covered with planking and the contact beds are covered with white pebble gravel, which allows aeration and does not expose sewage to view. The plant is thus practically devoid of any odor or flies.

Operation of the contact beds is made automatic by the provision of air-lock feed siphons for control of the inflow and timed siphons at the effluent to control emptying. Beds are four feet deep and are designed for one filling per bed per day when new, and two fillings per day when the voids in the contact material become partly filled. In installations used seasonally such a plant has a long life. The dosing rate is 125,000 gallons per acre per foot depth daily. Contact material is of 1/2-inch to 1inch size and distribution of sewage on the beds is accomplished by open joint tile laid in the contact medium.

A plant of this type can be expected to remove 60 to 65 percent of the BOD and 80 to 90 percent of the suspended solids; 60 to 80 percent of the bacteria will be destroyed. Chlorination of effluent can easily be provided where necessary.

The Blessings and Problems of an ANNEXATION PROGRAM

DEAN SMITH

WHAT does a city do when it annexes, all at once, a populated area approximately equal to its own pre-annexation size? Sit back to admire the extent of its own city limits and watch the additional utility revenue roll in?

City officials of Mesa, Arizona, 16 miles east of Phoenix, know better. They know better because Mesa annexed such an area, 2,345 acres, in November, 1948, and the problems brought on by the annexation program are still far from solution.

But even John Hoover, city engineer and utilities supervisor, who fell heir to the lion's share of Mesa's expansion problems, realizes that the city made a wise move. For one thing, the city's population was boosted from 10,000 to about 16,500, an increase which established Mesa as Arizona's undisputed third largest city. Only Phoenix and Tucson now have larger populations. That means a lot, not only in civic pride, but in Mesa's ability to attract new industry, dealerships, conventions of state organizations and the like.

The Advantages—and the Disadvantages

It also gave some 6,500 people who formerly lived outside the city limits a voice in municipal government and gave them such benefits as city fire protection, police protection, lower insurance rates, city utilities and many others. And it is giving the city a much larger share of the state sales and gasoline tax revenues. But perhaps most important to Mesa, it gave the city control over construction in the areas all around it and put a stop to haphazard building that was marring the appearance of its outer approaches.

But there were plenty of disadvantages to annexation, too.

One of the most immediate problems was the sudden loss of some \$35,000 in utilities revenue. Most of the residents of the annexed area were already being served with city water, and a majority were buying gas and electricity from the city as well—all at rates substantially higher than those enjoyed by people liv-



NEW SEWAGE treatment plant, recently completed, is but one
of the problems incident to the annexation of adjacent areas.

ing within the city limits. J. Edwin Miller, City Clerk, estimates that annexation resulted in a decrease of 25% in utilities revenue from the area brought into the city.

Then there was expense involved in providing fire and police protection for the new area. New fire hose and chemical equipment—necessitated by the absence of fire hydrants in the district—had to be bought at a cost of about \$2,000. Another police patrol car had to be purchased at a cost of \$2,000 and additions were necessary to the personnel of both the fire and police departments.

Improving Water and Sewerage Service

In a continuing effort to provide fire protection, the city is gradually extending water mains of sufficient size to the annexed districts and has made a proposition to property owners regarding the installation of fire hydrants. The city is replacing the present 4-inch hydrants in the business district with 6-inch ones—a move which it was planning anyway—and is offering to install the 4-inch hydrants in outlying improvement districts at a saving to property owners of about \$150 under the cost of installing new ones.

To bring the new districts up to underwriters' standards, which call for hydrants at 600-foot intervals on adequate mains, 93 new fire hydrants will have to be installed as well as 26,800 feet of 6-inch water pipe. The hydrants, at \$300 each, will cost \$27,900 and the pipe, at \$2.50 per foot installed, will cost \$47,000, bringing the total to \$74,900

for new hydrants and pipe. Until the 4-inch hydrants in the business district are used, the city will continue to make the proposition mentioned above. After that time, however, property owners in the new areas will have hydrants installed either in separate improvement districts or as part of sewage improvement districts.

The method being employed to extend sewer lines to residents of the new area deserves special study because it sets a pattern for the extension of other facilities. When Mesa annexed the new territory the city had no sewer lines in the area. Studies made by City Engineer Hoover showed that the land slope was such that the city could serve all the new area and a little more without resorting to lift stations.

Sewage Treatment

The plant, built at a cost of about \$155,000 by the Cockrell Construction Co. of Phoenix, is located on a bank of the usually dry Salt River bed three miles northwest of Mesa. The city had been relying on two old septic tanks, built in 1914, for all its sewage disposal and was going to have to build a disposal plant in the near future, anyhow. The expansion program simply hastened the project along. A new 24" vitrified clay outfall line has been installed at a cost of about \$225,000 to replace the old 14" line.

Mesa's new sewage treatment plant provides primary treatment in two sets of four sedimentation tanks, and has 2-stage digestion. A mechanically cleaned bar screen was furnished by Chain Belt; the grit parts of the new area, but a considerable footage of connecting pipe will have to be laid within the next five years to accommodate the new homes which are planned or already under construction.

Underlying all of Mesa's plans for water service expansion is the constant worry about the source of supply. Each year the underground water table goes down about five feet. At present the city is pumping at the 130-foot level; thirty years ago the one city well was pumping water from only 25 feet depth.

Problems With Streets, Too

The Mesa Street Department's principal problem arising out of the expansion is one of maintenance. There are approximately 30 miles of streets in the new area, about 15



Consequently a program of sewage improvement districts was mapped out. Requests for extension of sewer lines were coming in from property owners all over the new district, but it was recognized that the only practical way to extend service would be to install lines first to the areas just outside the old city limits and then to work gradually toward the outer limits of the annexed area. In that way, each succeeding improvement district could hook onto the sewer line of the district just ahead of it and the installation costs would be kept at a minimum. Ten such improvement districts have already been completed and Mr. Hoover estimates that 2,000 homes and businesses will be tied into the city sewerage system within the next three years.

The City of Mesa, which has had no property tax for the past four years, operates its \$950,000 annual budget primarily with utilities revenue—including a charge of 50¢ per customer for sewage disposal. Since new sewer installations are being paid for by the property owners served and since operating costs are paid for by sewer customers all over the city, the only expense Mesa will incur through sewer expansion is in the new outfall line and sewage disposal plant which was expected to be ready for use this fall.

collector and sludge removal mechanism was furnished by Jeffrey; Chicago Pump Co., Cook and Aurora furnished pumping equipment. The digesters have a diameter of 38 ft., the secondary digester has a floating type cover. Gas is not now being utilized.

Since about 95% of the people living in the annexed area were customers of the Mesa Water Department before annexation, it would not appear that any large additional expenditure would have been necessary. However, the city's three wells were already being taxed to capacity, and it was believed that users of city water in the new areas would increase their consumption as soon as they started getting water at the new low rate. That assumption proved to be true. To take care of the additional consumption the city was forced to sink a new well at a cost of \$27,000. Mesa's four wells now pump 5,200 gallons of water per minute to satisfy a demand which swings from 2,000,000 gallons per day in the winter to more than 5,000,000 gallons in the summer. The demand is expected to increase steadily in the next five years as the subdivisions just added to the city continue with their current building programs. The city already had water mains varying from 4 to 12 inches in diameter extending to most miles of which must be regularly graded and sprinkled. The additional cost for this maintenance will be about \$10,000 a year. As soon as the sewer, gas and water mains have been laid in a given district, however, the city is encouraging property owners to form a paving district. As additional streets are paved, the problem of maintaining streets in the annexed area will become easier and less expensive. Since the annexation took place, four paving districts including four miles of paving have been formed. As was pointed out in the section on sewer expansion, the formation of new improvement districts is a continuing process, with a new district being started through legal channels as soon as paving is under way in another district.

Another capital expenditure partially occasioned by Mesa's annexation program is a \$50,000 outlay for a new electric transformer sub-station. At present, one transformer sub-station does the entire job. When the new sub-station is put into operation in the south part of the city in the spring of 1950, power will be fed simultaneously to both transformers from the high voltage line to the Salt River Valley Water Users Association transformer, which supplies the city's electricity. Mesa's

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Study this BEFORE YOU PLAN NEXT SUMMER'S FLY CONTROL PROGRAM

The data herein were developed from an article by H. L. Scudder in The American Journal of Tropical Medicine

BY the use of DDT to supplement sanitation, flies may now be brought under control in homes, restaurants, food markets, and all food industries. Effective fly control, whether insecticidal or cultural, must be based on fly habits.

The objective in DDT spraying for fly control is to leave a thin coating of DDT crystals on those surfaces which flies frequent. This film kills the flies through contact alone, so that if the favorite resting-places of flies are treated, an effective control may be obtained. Because flies rest at night and are active only in the daytime, spraying their nighttime resting-places insures the greatest contact time and heightens the control efficiency of the DDT deposit.

The accepted dosage level for DDT spraying is 7 ounces of DDT deposited per 1,000 square feet of sprayed surface. This rate, also termed 200 milligrams per square

foot, is high enough to allow for many of the inaccuracies of spraying technic. On interior surfaces this dosage usually remains actively toxic to flies for 3 or more months. Outdoors, subjected to attack by the elements, it does not last nearly so long.

In most instances where sanitary conditions are generally acceptable, the use of DDT as a residual deposit on interior surfaces alone is adequate for good fly control for about 3 months, but occasionally the breeding area or fly source is too great and overwhelms the effectiveness of this residual spray. This happens most frequently in industrial plants which have animal or vegetable wastes that are not given prompt disposal. Such conditions commonly occur in feed mills, slaughter houses or abattoirs, fatrendering plants, hide and fur establishments, seafood plants, and



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 FOG BARRAGE is an effective method of controlling insect pests, such as flies and mosquitoes, in many areas.



CONTROL of flies is essential in health protection.

How the Spray Is Prepared

DDT-kerosene solution or DDT-Triton-xylene emulsion are the usual spray materials used on interior surfaces. As the amount of liquid absorbed by such surfaces varies greatly, it has been considered best to vary the percentage of the final spray dilution according to the type of surface and still maintain the same spraying technic, thus guaranteeing adequate dosage of DDT in spite of this variation in absorbability. In general, the proper criterion for spraying is to wet the surface thoroughly, but without runoff due to droplet coalescence. With this practice the proper dosage is applied if a 21/2 % spray is used on rough unpainted wood surfaces such as those found in dairies and other farm buildings; a 5% spray on well-painted or plaster surfaces such as those in markets and industrial plants; and a 71/2 % spray in restaurants and homes having smoothly finished surfaces. On surfaces with which special care of the finish is unnecessary, some degree of run-off may insure adequacy of treatment, but any run-off leaves visible streaks on varnish and other decorative finishes.

The most efficient equipment for DDT-residual spray application is a low-pressure sprayer, either the hand-compression garden sprayer, a hand sprayer with an air-pressure tank and filler valve, or a machineoperated pump sprayer. With this equipment a fan-pattern spray nozzle should be used at a pressure of from 35 to 60 lb. per square inch. For fine surfaces, a flat atomizing spray nozzle having a 50° fan and delivering 0.15 gallon per minute at 40 lb. pressure can best be used for the 71/2 % spraying on fine surfaces. For the 5% spraying on painted and plaster surfaces, the 50° fan nozzle



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with a 0.2 gallon per minute output is satisfactory, although for dairy spraying the 50° nozzle with the higher delivery rate of 0.4 gallon is more efficient.

Treatment for Outdoor Areas

For outside treatment of fly resting-places, the wettable DDT compounds are probably better than solutions, as they are not as likely to be harmful to plants, and furthermore they appear to adhere more readily to exterior surfaces and to trees, grass, and bushes. In some instances, emulsions have been heavily applied to plants with no damage, but oil solutions are certain to burn foliage badly. It may be best to apply a 5% DDT spray on exterior surfaces, and use a fan spray nozzle having 0.4 gallon per minute output. A higher dosage is consequently applied to cover the unknown values of weathering and adhesion of the spray residue.

Before initiating fly control, one must consider the kind of fly which is responsible for the particular problem, in order to proceed most efficiently with a program of sanitation or DDT treatment. Blowflies (calliphorids), generally considered as the green and blue bottleflies, show many characteristics that separate them from houseflies with regard to their breeding habits, and consequently their control by DDT and sanitation methods. It has been generally observed that if an establishment has no attractants (or breeding places) for blowflies, it has no blowfly population. Blowflies seem to range over a wide area, and in this respect an analogy can be drawn between them and vultures, for a premise may be immaculately kept and have no blowflies, yet if attractant food substances are exposed, a sizeable blowfly population can build up within an hour, the flies having stopped there in their ranging about for food and suitable breeding media. Blowflies prefer not to enter buildings, in contrast to houseflies. In most areas blowflies are more efficiently controlled on a vicinity-wide basis than on a single premise. House flies are very domiciliary, for they tend to stay within a restricted locale and to go inside buildings, especially to rest there overnight in cool weather. They leave their home areas only by accident or by being forced out through the competition of their own numbers. For this reason housefly control may be effective on as small a scale as a single farm, residence, or business. It is then apparent that although housefly control may be successful on a given premise if flies are not overfllowing into it from other premises, blowfly control must always be done on a vicinity basis. However, in abattoirs, seafood plants, canneries, and food processing plants, the blowfly problem may be primarily one of the plant itself.

Factors in Efficiency

To insure the efficiency of a control program for flies, or of even a single DDT application, it is of the utmost importance to conduct fly resting-place studies at night to determine where the DDT should be applied. When one considers that because flies are inactive at night, and so rest for several hours in the same spot, and that a DDT application either of a very low dosage or of long-standing (subjected to erosion and degradation by the elements) would be lethal because of such a prolonged contact time, the importance of treating as much as possible of the nocturnal restingareas becomes apparent. Treatment with reference to just those daytime resting-places on which the flies spend but a very brief period undoubtedly gives control, especially if the treatment is recent or the dosage high; but such a method may neglect a majority of the nocturnal resting-areas and so be unable to compete in rate of kill with the rate at which the flies are emerging from their breeding places.

entries. In cooler weather the houseflies tend to rest inside buildings on ceilings and other overhead structures, although the blowflies continue to choose outside restingplaces. Flies show even more gregariousness in their choice of nocturnal resting places than in their daytime activities, a point of distinct value in DDT-residual control work, because this characteristic makes it possible for the control measures to be focused on a greatly reduced area, thereby increasing efficiency and economy.

Fly Night-Resting Places

The nocturnal outside restingplaces of flies seem to possess several characters in common. They are generally places which are: (1) within 20 feet of the most favored daytime feeding and breeding areas; (2) exposed or prominent in position as vantage points, such as twigs on the ends of low branches, fences, clothes lines, or electric wires, edges or margins of building structures, outer leaves of weeds and low bushes, and isolated weeds taller than the surrounding herbage; (3) protected from direct wind, but still open in situation even if the weather is not calm; (4) above the actual ground level, but rarely more than 15 feet in elevation. Obervations made on houseflies resting inside buildings at night have always shown their preferences for edges and prominences which doubtless is



Courtesy Lawrence Aero-Mist Sprayer Co

AERO-MIST sprayer, mounted on a jeep, is highly mobile and can be used to cover hard-to-reach outlying areas.

Studies of resting flies in various areas at night have revealed an interesting variety of preferences. At night, during warm summer weather, houseflies as well as blowflies rest outdoors, sharing similar resting-places near their major daytime cemters of activity about garbage, manure, privies, stables, and kitchen

the underlying principle of their resting behavior outside. Because of these nocturnal resting-habits of houseflies, the emphasis in all interior DDT-residual spraying must be placed on adequate treatment of overhead structures, such as light wires, cords, edges of beams and

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This is a portion of an address by Prof. Boyce which he presented at the 22nd Water and Sewage Short Course of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Okla. After outlining the basic concepts on which our regulatory procedures are based, Prof. Boyce continued essentially as follows:

WATER AND SEWAGE PERSONNEL RELATIONSHIPS TO HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

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BECAUSE the problems of public water supply and sewerage were early recognized as having great public health significance, it was logical that in many states the earliest health laws and regulations related to these. The safety of public water supply and the sanitary disposal of sewage wastes required the combination of properly designed works and qualified and responsible operation. It was, therefore, proper that the laws delegating authority to health departments to supervise the public health aspects of water supply and sewage waste disposal should have extended that authority to include the review of basic engineering reports, plans and specifications, the inspection of the completed utility, and, subsequently, periodic inspection, instruction, and laboratory analysis, to verify the fact that the utility does continuously maintain the standard of quality necessary for the public health protection of the community.

When the water and sewerage utilities are publicly owned we have what might appear to be a duplication of governmental function, with one agency of government, the health department, exercising a policing responsibility with regard to another—the utility service.

Function vs. Utility

However, this duplication is more apparent than real when we examine their governmental bases. The Health Department exercises the authority of governmental control within its sphere of responsibility as

defined by law and interpreted by the courts. The water or sewerage utility exists as a service function that might be performed by either a public or private agency. Regardless of public ownership it retains much of its corporate or proprietary nature, which may be distinguished from the governmental function in many ways.

Authorities on municipal government recognize a distinct line of demarcation between the non-governmental services that are rendered by a city, even though these may be necessary for the very existence of the city, and the basic governmental function that carries with it the authority to supervise and regulate not only the acts of its citizens but also the functioning of the utilities that provide them with service.

Water, Sewerage, the Innkeeper and the Blacksmith

Our utilities are established on a fundamental concept of law that recognizes that certain services can best be provided on a non-competitive basis. There must be a contractual relationship between the governmental agency and the utility management whereby the utility in return for certain exclusive privileges surrenders some of the freedoms of private business and assumes in return quasi-public responsibilities. The utility as a public servant has an obligation to provide an acceptable service to all alike without discrimination. The regulatory governmental bodies represent the public and determine the acceptability of the service rendered. This concept of public or governmental responsibility for the functioning of services upon which the public must depend goes back to old English common law that required that the innkeeper serve the traveler dependent on the inn for shelter, and the blacksmith to shoe the traveler's horse.

When the citizens of a community decide that an existing governmental agency shall undertake the administration of a water or sewerage utility it is important to the governmental function and especially to the utility service that the separate purposes of these two functions undertaken by the same elected representatives be recognized.

When a municipal governing body is engaged in the adminstration of a publicly owned utility it is functioning as a board of directors of a publicly owned business and as such should provide service but not regulation. In its proprietary function as the manager-operator of a publicly owned utility service a city maintains a contractual and not a governmental relationship with the consumers of the service, and in this capacity assumes the liabilities that may arise from injury resulting from the method or quality of service rendered.

In contrast to the contractual responsibilities of a water or sewerage utility, the health deaprtment is organized as a function of government.

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Mesa's Annexation Program

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industrial growth has been so rapid in recent years that it is no longer practical to run heavy lines from the single transformer across the city to the industrial users. The new substation will eliminate the necessity for the heavy lines and will stabilize the load on the entire electrical system. It will also provide a safety factor in case one of the sub-stations becomes inoperative.

Gas and Electrical Problems

Another problem faced by the Electric Department is that of supplying power to an estimated 600 customers in the new area who are now served directly by the Water Users Association. These now lie within the city's power franchise and will be served by the city as soon as arrangements can be made to purchase the Water Users' poles, lines and associated equipment. Mesa will have still another problem in serving these customers, since many of them have 25-cycle electricity. A gradual replacement of 25-cycle equipment with 60-cycle equipment is now in progress. New feeder lines from the city's transformers must also be put in. Line replacement costs are expected to reach \$40,000.

Mesa's skyrocketing population had put a heavy strain on the city's Gas Department even before the annexation program was started. At that time a majority of the residents in the annexed area were using bottled gas or none at all. But with the expansion of the city limits, the cry for natural gas was immediate and loud. In order to have sufficient pressure left at the outer extremities, the city is replacing old gas mains with larger ones and installing service lines as rapidly as possible. It is now apparent that a new and bigger line must be put in before the winter months to connect the city mains with the cross-country line of the El Paso Natural Gas Co. Mr. Hoover estimates that this line will cost the city another \$60,-000 and that other line replacements will cost another \$60,000.

Garbage collection in the new districts will not be a financial problem to Mesa since collection is contracted to a Phoenix garbage disposal firm and the cost distributed equally among the customers served. At present a levy of 75e per month per customer is made.

In summary, then, capital investment expenses to the city of Mesa which have been brought on in whole or in part by the expansion program are as follows:

Fire Department	\$2,000
Police Department	2,000
Water Department	
(New mains and new well	65,000
Sewer Department (Disposa	1
plant and lines)	380,000
Electric Department	
(Sub-station and lines)	90,000
Gas Department	120,000

Total \$659,000 There will be additional annual operating expenses as follows:

Street Department \$10,000 Fire Department 13,000 Police Department 6,000

\$29,000

Just how much of this expense is chargeable to the expansion program and how much would have been necessary without it is virtually impossible to determine. Nevertheless, it is expense which must be met by the city and, until a sufficient number of utilities customers can be added, annexation will put a heavy drain on the city treasury, which is already depleted by the \$35,000 cut in utilities revenue because of the annexation program.

By boosting the water rate for the 1949-50 fiscal year the city plans to make up about \$30,000 of the deficit. However, the City of Mesa may find it necessary to institute a city property tax during the fiscal year 1950-51 and keep it in effect for several years, until the expenses of annexation can be neutralized by increases in utilities income.

Chlorine Dioxide As A Bactericidal Agent

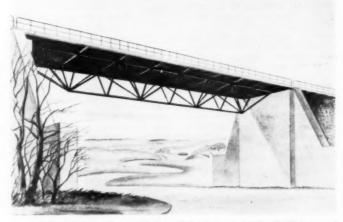
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Director of Water Dept.
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

THE water supply for Niagara Falls is secured from the East Branch of the Niagara River, which receives sewage and industrial wastes from communities on the river and along the east shore of Lake Erie. Therefore the effective disinfection of the supply with chlorine has been complicated because of the production of chlorinous tastes incidental to industrial wastes and because of secondary tastes which have developed in the distribution system. These secondary tastes are largely associated with the mains in the southern portions of the city which have been in use for over 50 years and which contain considerable deposits.

The subject is still further complicated by sudden changes in the hydraulics of the distribution system, due to the fluctuating demand for water by large industries, which cause stirring up of the deposits, thus aggravating the taste and odor control problem.

Chlorine Dioxide Treatment Adopted in 1944

In order to control tastes and odors more effectively the city adopted chlorine dioxide treatment in 1944, this chemical being added to the filtered water entering the distribution system of the city. In spite of the improvements noted with this treatment process, which was used in connection with prechlori-



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Pre-treatment with Chlorine Dioxide Started in 1949

The results of this preliminary study were discussed with representatives of the New York State Department of Health and of the Mathieson Chemical Corporation. It was concluded that the data disclosed that in the great majority of cases samples from the distribution system having an odor contained free residual chlorine in concentrations of 0.05 ppm or greater. It was concluded, therefore, that it would be desirable to study sterilization of the supply with chlorine dioxide, using only sufficient chlorine to react with the sodium chlorite used in the formation of the chlorine dioxide. Accordingly on April 21, 1949, post-treatment with chlorine dioxide was temporarily abandoned and in its place pretreatment with chlorine dioxide was instigated. Following filtration the supply was treated again with sufficient chlorine to maintain a free chlorine residual of 0.2 ppm.

In order to disclose the effects of this treatment process a program of more frequent bacteriological examination of samples of water from the distribution system was started. It was found that there was a complete absence of coliform organisms in the treated water. After a trial period of one week the dosages of chemicals were adjusted to maintain a chlorine dioxide residual of 0.5 ppm in the pretreated water prior to filtration.

Post-Treatment Discontinued

It was found that this treatment gave satisfactory disinfection and satisfactory control of tastes and odors in the filtered water prior to post-treatment with chlorine. On the other hand, the final effluent following post-treatment to provide 0.20 ppm residual chlorine contained a slight chlorinous taste and odor.

In view of the satisfactory disinfection being secured with prechlorination with chlorine dioxide, post-treatment of the filter effluent with chlorine was reduced to secure a residual of 0.15 ppm. More recently post-treatment was discontinued, inasmuch as pretreatment with chlorine dioxide alone was found to be reliable and adequate and that it

provided a free chlorine residual of 0.15 ppm in the filtered water. Further studies must be made, however, before final conclusions are reached as to the most effective manner of using chlorine dioxide in our water treatment process.

This article is from the Water Works News, publication of the New York State Dept. of Health.

PEAK PUMPAGE RESULTS IN LESS WATER REVENUE

JOHN HUBEL

THE "goodness" of Waukesha's (Wisc.) water is almost fabulous. Brewers brag about using it in their beer. Back in 1893, during the Columbian Exposition, some Chicago folks got the bright idea of piping Waukesha spring water to the World Fair Grounds. A pipe line was actually started, but either money or enthusiasm gave out when the digging for the line got a few miles out of Waukesha. However, Waukesha water has been sold in Chicago offices and homes, in 5 and 10-gallon containers, for 50 years, and in many Wisconsin cities as well.

It is natural, therefore, that the citizens of Waukesha should be proud of their water supply; but despite peak pumpage during 1948, Arthur P. Kuranz, Water Works Superintendent, reported a net decrease in revenue of \$3,630. A billion gallons of water-the largest amount on record-was pumped in this city of 24,200, during 1948, but this peak pumpage did not show a profit, as a rate cut ordered by the Wisconsin public service commission made the average water bill 52¢ per quarter lower per customer than was the case in 1947.

A "loss" of 170 million gallons of water was reported by the city in 1948. This, Mr. Kuranz says, was due mostly to leakages in the system. This leakage was due to lack of adequate maintenance of the piping, valves, and other parts of the system. During the war years, and for a while after, it was practically impossible to obtain materials to maintain the efficiency of this system, According to Mr. Kuranz, the amount of water pumped into the system and paid for was 91% in 1945, 90% in 1946 and 83% in 1947. Last year it was 82.7%. In recent months, the repair work has been accelerated as material and repair parts are again obtainable in fair

In discussing this situation, Mr.

Kuranz says: "While the actual accounted-for water was the lowest last year since 1938, we are encouraged by the fact that the last six months of 1948 showed considerable improvement over the like period of 1947, and the elimination of leaks gradually improved this phase of the work. The surreptitious use of water is not widespread in Waukesha, and in fact, is not as great, in all probability, as it is in many other industrial cities."

The organization for water supply for the year was perhaps the best that it has been for some time. No particular problems arose. The greater part of the water pumped into the system came from the Baxter well, the total from this source being about 330,000,000 gallons, or 32% of the total for all wells; 27% came from the Newhall well: 22% from the Moreland well: and 18% from the North Street well. The maximum use of water for any one day was on August 25th-4,517,000 gallons. The minimum amount of water used on any one day was on April 18, which was a Sunday, when the total was 1,608,000 gallons.

All of the pumps are motor driven except the pump at North Street Station, which is driven by a Diesel engine. Cost figures show that the cost of operation of the Diesel driven pump, including interest and depreciation, but excluding a periodic overhaul was \$7,000 for the year. The comparable cost of electric power, if the pump were motor driven, would have been \$5,653. However, it is considered good policy, where several pumping plants are operated, that at least one have Diesel power, as a standby in case of utility power failure which would put electrically driven pumps out of commission. The Diesel driven plant at North Street station is capable of keeping up the supply of water in the reservoir if electric power is cut off.

WHAT IS STREAM POLLUTION?

T HE industrialist, the general public, the conservationist, the sportsman and the regulatory agency all have somewhat contradictory ideas as to what constitutes pollution. The industrialist feels that the reasonable use of waters for the transportation of wastes should not constitute pollution; the general public is interested in having waters available for drinking, bathing and other recreational uses: the conservationist would like to see all the rivers restored to a state of pristine purity, and so would we all, of course; the sportsman is interested primarily in catching fish, and the regulatory agency representative is in duty bound to support the definition of pollution as specified in the particular legislation under which his office functions.

This conflict of interest makes it necessary to judge each particular case by the various factors which are involved and, in the end, calls for a very careful analysis of the private and public equities involved in the specific case and a balancing, one against the other, of these equities.

The National Council for Stream Improvement supports the "reasonable use" concept which is held by many stream sanitation authorities. This is—that the use of a stream for the transportation of wastes is necessary and proper, provided that such use does not constitute a menace to public health, does not create a public nuisance and does not prevent the use of the waters for the purposes to which they are normally and customarily put.

Natural pollution resulting from silt and decaying vegetation is of far more importance than is generally realized, particularly in the south where in many cases decaying vegetation makes a greater demand on the oxygen in the stream than does either municipal or industrial waste.

Municipal sewage is by far the most important pollution problem, since it constitutes a grave menace to public health and contributes greatly to the unsightly and slovenly appearance of the stream.

Industrial waste, or more specifically pulp and paper industry waste, on the other hand, does not constitute a menace to public health although it may create a public nuisance with low stream flow.

These data are from an address

before the American Pulp and Paper Mill Superintendents Association by Russell L. Winget, Exec Sec'y., Nat'l Council for Stream Improvement.

Improving the Daytona Beach Sewage Treatment Process

The sewage treatment plant at Daytona Beach, Fla., was described in the April, 1949, issue of Public Works. This plant, which uses water plant waste lime for coagulation, is unusually compact. Plants embodying the same general methods are now being considered for other Florida cities, using local pulverized lime rock or other available materials for coagulant.

In some cases, a higher degree of treatment is desirable than was necessary at Daytona Beach. In the Daytona Beach plant, it was found that the addition of a small amount of diffused air, added with the calcium carbonate, gave improved results. Accordingly, these newer plants are being designed to employ from one-tenth to one-half of a cubic foot of air per gallon of sewage. Joe Williamson, Jr., of Russell & Axon, consulting engineers on the Daytona Beach plant, estimated (in a paper before the Florida Public Health Engineering Conference at Gainesville) that one-half cubic foot of air per gallon and 50 to 100 ppm of calcium carbonate, would result in a removal of 82% of the BOD, with 2 hours detention. Where BOD removal of 60% to 65% is satisfactory, one-tenth of a cu. ft. of air will be provided with a detention period of one hour.

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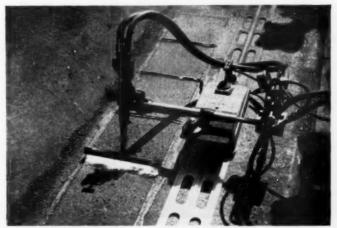
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How to Find Sewers With a Pipe or Leak Locater

Joseph Griebel,
Superintendent of Water Works,
Liberty, N. Y.

To locate the course of an unknown sewer, get into the nearest manhole. Fasten a piece of log chain, or other heavy chain, to the end of a sewer rod. Using as many sections of sewer rod as may be needed, push these, with the chain at the end, into the sewer to a point near where you wish to locate the line. By moving the chain back and forth a little with the rods, a leak detector will locate the noise made by the chain and its exact location.

In much the same manner, by pushing a steel cable, or other metal, past the point of unknown location, an M-scope or similar electrical locator will give you the exact location and course of the line.

I have used this method for locating house sewer connections. Using a flexible steel rod or even a so-called plumber's friend, a piece of chain can be pushed out to the street sewer and the connection quickly located with the leak locator. By moving the rod back and forth a little, the chain makes enough noise so that it can be located exactly. If enough metal is used, the connection can be located with a pipe finder.

The same methods are useful also in locating the course of culverts under highways. Where these are of metal, the loose chain and the leak detector will usually work best. Where the culverts are of clay or concrete, the chain or other metal piece and the pipe locator are good. These methods can be used for locating many kinds of pipes, the exact location of which is unknown, and a great deal of costly digging can be avoided.

Charges for Removing Snow From Sidewalks

John Hubel

Removal of snow from all sidewalks in the city at the property owners' expense was suggested to the City Council of Milwaukee, Wisc., in 1948, the cost for the work to be included in the annual taxes on the property. That idea, while not entirely abandoned, has now evolved into a proposal that the snow on the sidewalks of business streets be removed by the city and the property owners be charged 10 cents a front foot for this service, the work being done by city crews. Strenuous objection has been raised to this proposal by the Downtown Association of Milwaukee which, through its secretary, said: "Streets are the property of the City and not of the property owners abutting on those streets. The use of the

streets is not restricted to the owners of the abutting property, nor is it for the sole service of those properties. The fair way to allocate the cost is to include it in the city budget, which is contributed to by all residents." Mayor Frank P. Zeidler is reported in favor of snow removal from sidewalks in the business sections, doing the work with city forces and making an appropriate charge for the work.

Wage Rates on Highway Projects

Average hourly wage rates on Federal Aid Projects for the fourth quarter of 1949 have been announced by the Bureau of Public Roads. Skilled labor averaged \$2.02 per hour. The highest rates were in the Middle Atlantic States—\$2.41; and the lowest in the West South Central—\$1.62. Average rates for intermediate labor were \$1.94, with the highest in the Middle Atlantic States—\$1.78; and the lowest in the East South Central—\$1.11. Unskilled labor ranged from 81¢ to \$1.46 per hour, and averaged \$1.17.

Color Scheme for Repainting Hydrants

Repainting of 818 public fire hydrants is described in the recent report of the Charleston, S. C., Water Department, of which F. B. McDowell, Jr., is Manager and Chief Engineer. The cost of repainting was \$1,200. The barrel of the hydrant immediately above the sidewalk level was painted black; above this, the barrel was painted yellow to the dome; and the dome was painted aluminum. On each hydrant was stenciled its proper number.

Costs for Highway Construction, Third Quarter, 1949

The price index for Federal Aid construction for the third quarter of 1949 has been released by the Bureau of Public Roads. Bid prices on common excavation averaged 38¢ per cu. yd., or 108.6% of the 1925-29 base. For other items, bid prices and relation to the 1925-29 base were: Concrete pavement per sq. yd., \$3.56 and 160.4%; structural concrete, per cu. yd., \$47.21 and 205.8%; composite mile of road, 147.7% Costs have declined since the fourth quarter of 1948, when the composite mile index was 165.3%.

Maximum and Minimum Water Consumption in Tacoma

The total average daily consumption of water in Tacoma, Wash., during 1948 was 50,430,000 gallons, of which 17,070,000 was delivered to pulp mills supplied by the Water Division. The maximum day's consumption was 70,300,000 gals. on June 30; and the minimum consumption was 30,200,000 on May 30. Average daily consumption, exclusive of the pulp mills, is 221 gals. The estimated population served is 151,000, including about 12,000 outside of the city.

New Diesel Engine for Auburn, Nebr.

A new 1,440-hp diesel engine has been placed in service by the Auburn, Nebr., Municipal Power Plant. This is a Superior, $144_2 \times 20$, and it replaces an older 300-hp unit. The engine is a dual fuel unit, which can operate on oil, natural gas or combustible by-product with equal efficiency. This is the second Superior unit installed within the past two years.



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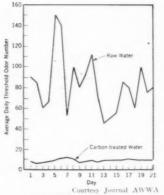
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THE WATER WORKS DIGEST

Odor Control For An Unusally Bad Water

It is doubtful that there are any other water works in the country that have to treat water as bad as that which Whiting, Ind., obtains from Lake Michigan. The lake here receives the sewage from six municipalities, including Whiting's, four of which (not including Whiting's) are treated: also industrial wastes from large steel mills, oil refineries, soap works, corn products plants and others. In March 1947 an oil film on the lake caught fire and burned for several hours. The authors believe that "it is beyond reason to expect even the best equipped and most modern plant to produce a satisfactory drinking water using raw water of the quality supplied to the Whiting plant." However, in an effort to improve conditions, especially as to odor control, they conducted experiments with the use of fuller's earth, chlorinated copperas (alum was being employed at the plant), chlorine dioxide, free residual chlorine, chloramine, granular activated carbon, powdered activated carbon, and ozone. After five months of experimenting they reached the following tentative conclusions:

Dry fuller's earth applied to the plant influent successfully removed the heavy oil film on the water. Chlorinated copperas reduced the dissolved oil content of the water. Neither chlorine dioxide nor free residual chlorination gave satisfactory results, but chloramine treatment gave promise of success. The granular carbon filter did not materially reduce the threshold odor, probably because it could not be



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cleaned properly. Ozone proved incapable of combating the taste and odor problem. By using powdered activated carbon the threshold odor could be lowered to practically any desired point, if sufficiently large quantities were applied—80 to 140 ppm.

Leo Besozzi and J. C. Vaughn— "Experimental Studies of Odor Control at Whiting, Indiana;" Journal Am. Water Works Ass'n, November.

Superchlorination Of London's Water Supply

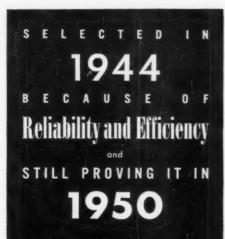
Since 1940, superchlorination has gradually displaced chloramine treatment for the Metropolitan Water Board's well waters; and of 1772 samples of well water so treated during the past 5 years. B. Coli have been detected in only 0.08%. There have never been any com-

plaints of taste. In 1948 superchlorination was adopted at all the Board's filtration works treating river water also. In addition to reduction of bacteria, color is reduced 23% and complaints of chlorinous tastes have ceased. Because of the speed with which it destroys bacteria, the size of the contact tanks is reduced 50%. Due chiefly to the disuse of ammonia gas and ammonium sulfate and a reduction in the total amount of chlorine used (prechlorination has been discontinued as unnecessary) there is a saving of £10,000 a year. At most of the works, instruments are in operation that record continuously on a chart the residual chlorine in the water after a given period of contact.

"Superchlorination: Successful Use in Metropolitan Water Board's Works" The Surveyor, Nov. 11.

Diversion Of Reserve Funds

This panel discussion was contributed by representatives of the North Atlantic states, the North Central states, the East South Central, the West South Central, the Mountain and the Pacific states, respectively. A summary of the report from the North Atlantic states that diversion of water department surplus funds is practiced widely. with no harm resulting when sound financial principles are used. As costs vary widely, resulting in variations of surplus, unnecessary surplus can be turned back to the citizens in the form of diversion instead of reducing rates. Regulatory powers should be vested in some state authority to deter unscrupulous use of surplus funds.



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John C. Detweiler, for the West North Central states, first states that diversion may be either direct, or indirect by renunciation of potential revenue from street, sewer, park and fire departments and the public schools. He finds that cities having the most difficulty with diversion of water works funds are those where all the water works revenues are paid into the general fund and the expenses allowed against this fund. Where the water works are operated by a separate board the water works funds appear to be under control

In the East South Central states, says C. M. McCord, the practice follows no particular pattern but varies from one extreme to the other, but there is a slight tenden. toward less diversion. Some communities have a tax rate as high as the law allows and, requiring more funds, turn to the water department as the only medium for obtaining them.

In the West South Central states. diversion of water works funds to other city departments is more the rule than the exception, says Albert R. Davis. If the tax payers of any community, through their council. desire to pay part of its taxes in the form of excess water rates, then the water officials are obligated, by democratic principles, to adjust such rates accordingly; but it is their duty to inform the electorate what part of the water rates they pay is diverted to other purposes.

In Montana, the Public Service Commission proposes that the water works funds be admisstered for the benefit of the water users only. In Arizona it is considered the proper procedure to use surplus water works funds to relieve the tax burden. Among the other states of the Rocky Mountain section, the general practice is to keep water works funds intact and in a separate account, but there are a number of exceptions. In a few cases the water revenues do not pay the expenses and an appropriation is made from the general treasury.

The Washington State Supreme Court has held that a city has the right to raise water rates so long as they are not exhorbitant; and this apparently includes the right to include in them a "hidden tax". During the past ten years, Seattle has diverted to the general fund \$9,230,-000, or 32.67% of the gross revenue of the water department.

"Diversion of Water Department Reserve Funds"; Journal Am. Water Works Ass'n, November.

Charges For Fire Protection

At the Annual Conference in 1949 of the A.W.W.A. there was a panel discussion on Water Rate Structures. in which 9 members took part. There appears to be "an amazing confusion about the basis for their (water rates) determination and a wide diversity not only in existing rates, but in the schedules being currently proposed by leading water works engineers." The discussion was in general grouped under the heads 'Amount of Revenue Needed". "Depreciation and the Rate Structure, "Fire Protection Charges", "Demand and Service Charges," "Steps in and Service Charges,' Rate Schedules," and "Application of Michigan Section Committee Formula.

Said Louis E. Ayres; "The one element in water works cost that may be evaluated with some degree of precision is fire protection," and he and the others referred to the 1911 paper by Metcalf, Kuichling and Hawley as the classic in water works literature dealing with this subject. A simplification of their method that was suggested was to base the capital costs chargeable to fire protection on the ratio of the



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maximum fire demand to the total combined demand, multiplied by the ratio of the increase in cost to the increase in capacity.

Richard H. Ellis cited data collected in 1945 which showed that, of 462 water works, only 197 collected anything for fire protection, and in many cases this is only a "token' payment of 0.2% to 5% of the total revenue from all sources; and only 4 receive anything near the proportion indicated by the Metcalf-Kuichling-Hawley formula. In only one state, where minicipal works are under public utility regulations, did the average receipts for general fire service equal 22%. However, where the water works pays no taxes, the amount which it would have paid if under private ownership may be considered as offsetting that amount of the city's indebtedness for fire protection. The author suggested rendering bills to property owners in which charges are entered both for water consumed and for fire protection service, the latter being based upon the assessed value of the property; which plan would not levy an unduly high fire service charge on an owner because he consumes a large amount of water in his business, while on the other

hand, a business conducted on very valuable property but by which practically no water is consumed would not escape having to make a payment for fire protection proportional to the value of the property protected.

"Rethinking Water Rate Structures;" Journal, Am. Water Works Ass'n, November.

New Type of Prestressed Concrete Pipe

There is being constructed for the East St. Louis and Interurban Water Co. 5,200 ft. of 54" prestressed concrete pipe, made by the "Rocla" method, developed in Australia and used only once before in this country. The process involves roller-compaction of a dry concrete in a rotating mold to make a core; wirewrapping this core, and covering it with air-applied mortar. A casting mold of 1/4" steel 161/2 ft. long hangs loosely from a horizontal steel spindle 16" in diameter that passes through it and is supported at each end, is driven by an electric motor, and so revolves the mold and at the same time compacts the concrete as it builds up into a shell on the inside of the form. A belt conveyor delivers into it a batch consisting of

600 lb. of 34" aggregate, 200 lb. of 14" aggregate, 200 lb. of coarse sand, 23 lb. of fine sand, 3 bags of cement and only 10 gal. of water (a 0.45 water-cement ratio). Before applying the cement, a cage of welded steel fabric reinforcement is placed in the mold to help resist handling stresses prior to the wire winding. The mold is rotated at 60 rpm. The entire weight of mold and concrete is supported by the spindle, and supplies the pressure to the concrete shell, as it passes over the spindle. The core is steam cured and then is wound with 8-gauge high-tensile steel by machine under a stress of 140,000 psi. The wire is wound spirally with a pitch of 161/2" (86" in some cases) and therefore prestresses the pipe longitudinally as well as circumferentially. The winding carriage passes back and forth along the pipe, applying the wire in 30 to 69 spirals, which form a basket weave. It is then covered with 3/4" of cement applied pneumatically, and steam cured. A test pipe withstood a 3-edge bearing load of 17,600 lb. without visible cracks (three times the load called for by the A.S.T.M. specifications for reinforced concrete sewer pipe), and an in-



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Algae and Tastes in Water

Odors caused by algae may be associated with the growth of the living organism but may be intensified by decomposition or by destruction by chlorine, copper sulfate, etc. Also, the microbial population of water utilizes dead algae as nutrient material and in so doing may produce products that cause tastes and odors. Probably algae contain many of the carbohydrates and fats found in other green plants, the decomposition of which yield organic acids, alcohols, ketones and esters which may be odoriferous. The decomposition of algae and other water plants by actinomycetes should be investigated. These may not only produce products different from those formed by true bacteria, but they themselves possess a decided earthy odor.

Gerard A. Rohlich and William B. Sarles - "Chemical Composition of Algae and Its Relationship to Taste and Odor"; Taste and Odor Control Journal, October.

Silver lons As Cysticides

It has long been known that silver ions are toxic for bacteria, but little information is known as to their efficacy for destruction of cysts. Experiments were conducted by the authors on E. histolytica, obtaining the silver ions by the electrolytic method, using silver foil electrodes and a current flow of 6-7 m a at 6.2 V for one hour in one series, and using silver nitrate in another. The conclusion reached was that such cysts can be destroyed by silver ions, but it would appear that the concentrations and exposure periods required are considerably in excess of those usually suggested for the treatment of drinking water supplies

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Fly Control For Next Summer

(Continued from page 44)

other woodwork, and all irregularities in the ceiling structures.

The total control effect exerted by DDT-residual spray measures is of course limited in any instance to the total amount of fly resting-area that can be treated. If all resting-areas in and about a given premise are wholly treated, it follows that because the total capacity of those sur-



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faces is the limit of such control measures, the flies produced in excess of such a capacity go uncontrolled. This uncontrolled amount, the unseen output of an area of heavy fly breeding, simply keeps the resident population replaced as fast as it is killed off, leaving no apparent control value, but in reality suppressing the overflow which had been migrating to other areas. If real control value is to be achieved at the focus of extreme fly breeding, then measures in addition to the DDT-residual treatment must be employed to reduce the volume of breeding. Proper waste disposal or larviciding are therefore necessary to assist the DDT residual in reducing the number of adult flies below the level of premise capacity. Under conditions of fly breeding in excess of the capacity of a premise for adults, it has been observed that all conceivable breeding places become infested.

A light population is far easier to control, and is particularly adapted to check by a well-placed DDT-residual treatment, which can exercise such efficient control that only a few of the potential areas available later become infested. If the fly population is allowed to increase to the point at which it infests all potential breeding places, then the fixed area treated by the DDT-residual may be inadequate for control of more than a small percentage of the flies, and so have no suppressive effect at all on the extent of breeding. Consequently, the initiation of fly control early in the season, or at a time when flies are least numerous, tends to restrict the breeding to fewer places and so make control easy to maintain.

The Flight Range of Flies

The flight range of flies, especially of houseflies, has often been studied, but the factors underlying fly migration and the degree to which it figures in their control are still not well understood. It is definite that flies under certain circumstances. especially under conditions of high population pressure, can and do migrate over areas up to a few miles in extent.

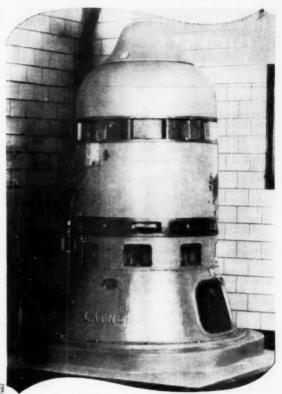
The migration of both houseflies and blowflies out of areas of high population pressure, such as may exist about poorly sanitated industrial plants and city dumps, is usually the reason for a high fly index over an entire municipality. Consideration of these factors of fly migration makes it apparent that the control of heavy breeding areas is of singular importance.

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Direct-Connection Type Interchanges Preferred

In the light of past experience with traffic interchange, Michigan State Highway Dept. is of the opin-

(a) Simplicity of design is of primary importance.

(b) The direct connection type of road interchange for major movements is most desirable.

(c) Intricate designs create traffic confusion, and are difficult to sign

(d) Interchanges requiring excessive amount of right-of-way, even in rural areas should be avoided.

(e) Acute angle take-offs from high-speed roads interfere with smooth traffic operation.

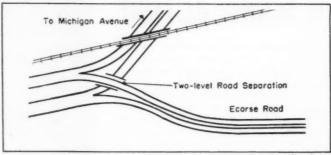
(f) Cramped designs of insufficient dimensions create congestion,

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Street Maintenance In Kansas City, Mo.

Of first importance in maintaining a city's streets is the complete inventory of the local street condition and the early initiation of a program planned in a general manner several years in advance. This program should provide for immediate repair of local breaks or failures; preventive maintenance; and rehabilitation of existing pavements. We keep informed on the condition of the streets by reports made by the street cleaning foremen and the building and construction inspectors as well as by our own men. In order to arrest pavement deterioration at the earliest possible date, we call on contractors for additional help when our own force is inadequate.

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Y-TYPE intersection at end of Willow Run Expressway.

have done 65 miles of this at a cost of \$1,614,000. We use dump, flat-bed and pick-up trucks, air compressors, pneumatic tampers, concrete mixers, asphalt distributors, tandem. 3-wheel and sheepsfoot rollers, road graders. high loaders, and gravel spreaders: also an oil-bath heater for rubberized joint-material, and a crack cleaning and cutting machine.

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Capacities Of Intersections

"One of the more important elements limiting the capacity of any facility, especially that of city streets. is the intersection at grade;" says the Committee on Highway Capacity of the Highway Research Board, in its report on Highway Capacity, published by the Bureau of Public Roads in the December issue of Public Roads. The committee found very little published material on the subject, and collected a large amount of data, aided by State I ighway departments and city officials. Data for hundreds of intersections were assembled and studied and the results are discussed at length under the classifications-"Signalized Intersections," "Weaving Sections; Unsignalized Cross Movements;" "Ramps and Their Terminals," and "Relating Hourly Capacities to Annual Average Volumes and Peak Flows." This is the second half of the report referred to in the November "Highway Digest," the complete report occupying 75 pages of Public Roads.

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Making A Fill In Deep Muck

The projected Washington-to-Annapolis expressway crosses a salt water inlet some 1100 ft. across, with muck depths of 35 ft. or more. The plan adopted here is to displace some 150,000 cu. yd. of muck, aided by liquefying blasts, and place a 450,-000 cu. yd. fill. Heavy blasting was possible because of the remoteness of any buildings. First about 2300 lb. of 50% nitroglycerine dynamite was spread over an area about 250 ft. wide and 40 ft. longitudinally along the edge of the muck, 1 lb. to a hole, pushed to a depth of 2 or 3 ft., spaced 18" apart in rows 7 or 8 ft. apart. After shooting these, a second charge of 1900 lb. was pushed deeper into a similar area ahead. These liquefied the muck so that the fill, which was placed immediately with dozers and scrapers, could settle through it. When this fill had been brought up well above water level, another area ahead was blasted and filled; and this was continued, extending the fill 30 to 50 ft. daily. During the first few weeks the fill settled at the rate of about 11/2" per 24 hr., but this has gradually lessened although the fill has been raised to about 20 ft. above water

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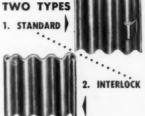
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"Large-Scale Muck Displacement on Maryland Project;" Roads and Streets, November.

Trucks For Widely Scattered Oil Patching

The Los Angeles, Calif., Road Department has developed a special hot oil patching truck for use where patching is to be done at scattered points over a considerable mileage. For example, in one district two trucks do all the scattered patching on 1400 miles of road; which patching, however, is kept at a minimum by annual intensive resurfacing. These trucks are not used where considerable travel from job to job is not necessary. Each unit consists of a 10-ton chassis carrying a 6-man cab, a 350-gal, insulated oil tank just behind this, and behind that a flat bed with removable sides used for transporting rock and asphaltic mixtures up to 8 tons. A pump is operated by a take-off from the truck transmission. Exhaust gas is used to heat the oil tank, maintaining it at 400° or even increasing the temperature during the day.

Earle A. Burt—"Hot Oil Road Patchers Expedite Maintenance"; PUBLIC WORKS, December.

Aggregate Retention On Bituminous Seal Coats

Laboratory tests of the above, using different bituminous materials and different aggregates, were made at the laboratory of the Texas Highwhy Dept. Some of the conclusions from these are as follows: 1-With all other factors the same, the source of asphalt does not have a very pronounced effect upon the amount of aggregate retained, although asphalts of the same penetration do not necessarily have the same degree of fluidity at a given temperature. 2-Aggregate loss shows a gradual increase with decrease in penetration of the asphalt. Also better "asphalt weather", more rolling, etc. are required to obtain the same degree of aggregate retention with the harder grades of asphalt cements than with the softer grades; but the former hold the aggregate more firmly once it has been embedded. 3-There is a decided advantage in adequate rolling, more with cements than with liquid asphalts. 4-Emulsions are very similar to cut-backs in aggregate-retention properties. 5-Aggregate grading can vary considerably without having appreciable effect on retention; but fines hinder the embedding of the larger aggregate in asphalt film.

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Massed Pipes Solve Drainage

The Mimbres Valley in New Mexico is long and flat, and receives heavy run-off during rains. US Highway 70-80 crosses this valley. To provide adequate drainage without raising the road level unduly, State Highway Department engineers installed 183 lines of 30-inch concrete pipe culverts. The centers of the lines are 5 ft. apart and each pipe section is 64 ft. long. This one installation required 11,712 ft. of pipe. Another low spot required 69 lines of pipe; other installations have 43, 26, 21, 17 and 10 pipes.

Rainfall and Runoff

THE Hartford, Conn., Water Bureau, operates 6 weir stations where continuous records are made of stream flows; rain gauge is maintained; evaporation records are kept at two reservoirs during May to October inclusive; also records of the air temperature, humidity and prevailing direction of the wind.

The desirability of each water works keeping its own records, rather than assuming that those of other cities in the same section of the country would be just as serviceable, is indicated by a comparison of rainfall and runoff records for three watersheds of this one city.

In these three watersheds, while the averages of annual rainfalls differ only a little over an inch, the maximums differ by 4½" and the minimums by 6". Especially interesting is the fact that neither the maximum nor the minimum annual rainfall occurred during the same year on any two of these adjacent watersheds.

Comparing the records of annual runoff in second-feet per sq. mi., we find that, of the two watersheds named, the one with the higher rainfall showed the lower runoff, average, maximum and minimum. Also in neither watershed was the year of maximum rainfall that of maximum runoff, and in one of them the year of minimum runoff was not that of minimum rainfall. Moreover, in every one of these cases the year of maximum runoff was separated by at least 11 years from that of maximum rainfall, showing that no lag between rainfall and runoff was accountable for this.

RAINFALL (YEARS OF RECORD)

	Nepaug (36 years)	East Branch (36 years)	Res. No. 1, W. Hfd. (80 years)
Year 1948	45.74"	45.28"	46.86"
Average	44.86"	44.34"	43.65"
Maximum	61.18" (1937)	56.64" (1938)	56.95" (1920)
Minimum		33.11" (1914)	28.90" (1935)

RUNOFF (YEARS OF RECORD) second feet per square mile

													Nepgug	East	Branch
Year 1948	,				 			 					 1.72	1.93	
Average								 					 1.64	1.90	
Maximum					 			 					 2.48 (1920)	3.26	(1927)
Minimum .														0.91	(1941)

THE SEWERAGE AND REFUSE DIGEST

PUBLIC WORKS DIGESTS

Cincinnati's Design For Storm Water Inlets

The city engineers of Cincinnati, O., after conducting a series of tests over several years, have changed the plans for sewer inlets, lowering an area of 4 x 15 ft. around the grating; making gratings with bars parallel to the curb, without transverse ribs; and molding diagonal deflectors in the pavement within the inlet area where the street grade exceeds 4%. (Experiments by the Minnesota Dept. of Highways resulted in a different design. See PUBLIC WORKS for June, 1948. Editor).

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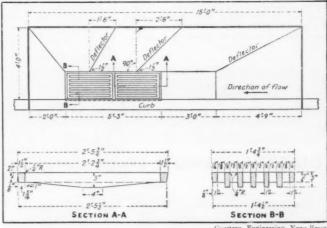
Removing Sludge From Open Beds

Medina, O., uses about 36,000 sq. ft. of open sludge drying beds at its treatment plant. Prior to 1948 the sludge was removed from the beds by two men with wheelbarrows. Since 1947 an Oliver H. G. 42 Cletrac tractor equipped with a Ware hydraulic front-end loader has been used. The loader bucket has a capacity of 16 to 20 cu. ft. of dry sludge. The tractor, with 10": treads, is driven onto the bed and the bucket filled by hand shovels; then the tractor carries it to a dump, or the bucket can be raised to discharge it directly into a truck. After the sludge has been removed, the sand is leveled by dragging the bucket over it, followed by hand floating. No damage has been done to the underdrains. During 1948 they removed 10,000 cu. ft. of dry sludge, using one man for about one third of the time required for wheelbarrow removal.

"Removing Sludge From Beds with Hydraulic Loader"; PUBLIC WORKS, December.

Bio-Thermal Refuse Disposal

Miami, Fla., has contracted to pay a private company \$390,000 a year to receive the mixed refuse of the city and dispose of it by the Verdier bio-thermal process. This is a de-



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STANDARD grating inlets used by Cincinnati, O.

velopment of the Beccari process which was tried in this country about 20 yr. ago and abandoned. In this Verdier process the refuse is pulverized (including ashes and bottles) and placed in cells where air, warmed if desired, can circulate through it. Here aerobic decomposition takes place, being completed in 11 to 21 days and producing a black, earth-like soil conditioner. The equipment required includes a crane, hammermill, conveyors, blowers and pulverizer.

"Miami, Fla., Adopts the Verdier Process of Bio-thermic Refuse Disposal"; American City, December.

Dual-Fuel Engines For Sewage Treatment Plants

By official definition, the dualfuel engine is "One which uses all oil fuel on the diesel cycle, or predominantly gaseous fuel with oil fuel ignition, and is fully convertible from one fuel to the other" If not instantly convertible, it is called a "gas-diesel". Air and gas for combustion are fed into the cylinder ahead of the compression stroke, at the end of which the fuel is ignited by injecting a small amount of fuel oil into the cylinder. Dual-fuel engines have been developed to the point where, by comparison with the conventional high-grade spark engine, they require 30% less fuel at full load and 50% less fuel at quarter load to produce 1 hp-hr. By supercharging, the output of any given engine has been increased as much as 75%. They are furnished in sizes ranging from 125 hp to 3,400.

W. R. Crooks-"The Dual-Fuel Engine and Its Application to Sewage Treatment Plants;" Sewage Works Journal, November.

A 10-Foot English **Outfall Sewer**

In October last, an outfall sewer was officially opened in England whose construction presented some unusual features. This was the Rimrose Brook outfall sewer which drains some 700 acres of three boroughs. The various branches 36" and less in diameter are circular; followed by U-shaped sewers constructed in open cut with sizes from 5' x 4'6" to 10' x 9', constructed of reinforced concrete with brick lining on the semicircular bottom. In tunnel they are constructed of precast reinforced concrete segments, brick lined. In tunneling through an old dump, foul air was encountered and considerable water, and it was necessary to use compressed air with 4 to 5 lb pressure. The portion in the Mersey river is 10 ft. diameter, constructed of brick-lined concrete segments in a tidal cofferdam. The cofferdam was designed with the main assumption that the structure might be in a position for a period of at least a year, during which period storms might be experienced, causing waves of maximum 10 ft. height and force of 1 ton per square foot. The two lines of piling were utilized to resist these forces by a system of

internal steel bracing welded to the piling. The internal members were so designed as to leave clear spaces for the building of the complete sewer free from obstruction after excavation. As expected, several very violent storms were experienced but no damage was sustained. The top level of the cofferdam was fixed at 32.50 tide gauge, the highest tide anticipated in calm weather being 31.50. No attempt was made to exclude waves above this height, as this would have been uneconomical.

"Rimrose Brook Main Drainage Scheme"; Municipal Engineering. Nov. 25.

Grease Control By Activated Carbon

The sewage of the Univ. of Miami at Coral Gables, Fla., is treated in an activated sludge plant of 300,000 gpd capacity. The two aerators are of the mechanical type. Last April large amounts of grease began appearing on the surface of the aerators each morning, disappearing by night. Microscopic examination of the mixed liquor showed complete loss of all protozoa. After trying several remedies without result, activated carbon solved the problem. Twenty pounds was fed just ahead of the bar rack, carried by the sewage through the pumps to the primary settling tank, then over a weir to the aerating tanks and through the mechanical aerators of the tube type. Conditions started to improve immediately. The next day 15 lb. was fed and the heavy grease deposits completely disappeared. No more trouble was experienced until about a month later, when three doses of 10, 6 and 8 lb. on successive days again effected a complete remedy. The protozoa returned in great numbers. When the carbon was applied, there was more than 90% reduction of settleable solids in the primary settling tank. It is to be noted that the carbon can not be used in connection with chlorine because of the chemical reaction.

W. C. Tims—"Grease Control in Activated Sludge;" Sewage Works Engineering, December.

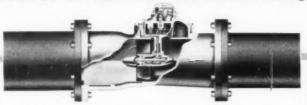
A Short-Time B. O. D. Test

The author investigated the possibility of using methylene blue as an indicator of the time needed for the disappearance of a limited amount of either dissolved or nitrate oxygen from a sewage sample, and using the procedure as the basis of a short-time B.O.D. test in which time, as indicated by a recording potentiometer, would be the measurable variable in the technique. A combination of a photoelectric cell and the recording potentiometer was used to measure the changes in color intensity of a sewage sample to which a redox potential indicator (methylene blue) has been added. But the results obtained were unsatisfactory.

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Intermittent Sand Filtration In Florida

Experiments have been conducted by the Sanitary Research Laboratory of the Univ. of Florida to determine how conventional sewage treatment methods perform under the higher temperatures there. For studies of intermittent sand filtraion, three grades of Florida sand were used, 0.25 mm, 0.45 mm and 0.30 mm; the uniformity coefficients averaging 2.23, 2.79 and 3.26 respectively. Bed depths of 18" and 30" were used for each grade of sand. A year's duration of tests indicated that removal of suspended solids, averaging 89.5 to 95.8%, was independent of loading and temperature but increased slightly with smaller sand and greater depth. At loading rates of 125,000 to 150,000 g.a.d., 93% to 95% removal of B.O.D. can be expected on sand of 0.25 mm; 89% to 93% on 0.30 mm sand, and 83% to 88% on 0.45 mm sand. The low efficiency is due to the fact that the effluent is commonly in the second stage of oxidation. Within the temperature range of 55% to 85%, residual B.O.D. values improve as the temperature rises, especially in the shallower beds and larger sands.

G. R. Grantham, D. L. Emerson and A. K. Henry—"Intermittent Sand Filter Studies;" Sewage Works Journal, November.

Fertilizer From Night Soil

In south and central China, the use of excreta collected in the cities as fertilizer on the farms seems to be necessary. But as now used, with untreated excreta stored in the open, more than 50% of the nitrogen is lost, and by far the largest number of illnesses are the result of fecal-transmitted cholera, typhoid and dysentery. A study was made to develop a method of treating the night soil mixed with garbage to produce a sanitary organic fertilizer at a cost less than that of commercial inorganic fertilizers.

Anaerobic digestion at normal temperature destroys the coli-aerogenes bacteria; but the destruction of ascaris eggs, and thereby the elimination of amoeba and worms, requires temperatures approaching 150°F. In good aerobic digestion, thermophilic bacteria raise the temperature of the mass to 140°-150° within two days, and 95% of the ascaris eggs are destroyed. By the end of 25 or 30 days the temperature has dropped and fungus growths then break down the organic matter. The pilot plant as con-

structed contained 2 settling basins, 6 small aerobic composting pits, 1 large aerobic digestion tank, 4 anaerobic digestion tanks, a trickling filter, 2 sludge drying beds, and a bone crusher. In operation, ground and sorted garbage or rice straw was spread in the bottom of the aerobic digestion tanks, then a layer of night soil, and finally a layer of pulverized bones and a small quantity of lime. A carbonnitrogen relationship of greater than 20 to 1 was aimed at, and a pH of 7.1. Surplus moisture was drained into a pit and pumped back on top of the digesting material. A digestion time of 15 to 20 days is believed practicable. Digested sludge was spread 6" thick on drying beds. Analyses of the sludge showed 3.94% total nitrogen, 1.5% phosphate, and 2.27% potash, and 42% moisture. The fertilizer has a buffered pH which helps to stabilize acid soils, and plus values of humus and bacterial enzymes. It could be sold at much less than equivalent commercial fertilizer.

Ralph Stone—"The Shaoyang, China, Night Soil Fertilizer Reclamation Plant;" Sewage Works Journal, November.

Methods Of Heating Sludge

The author describes briefly six methods of heating digestion tanks: 1-Passing steam directly into the digester. 2-Circulating sludge through an ejector, which drew into it heat from burning gas. 3-Preheating the raw sludge in a tank in which steam coils are placed. 4-Passing raw or digesting sludge through pipes surrounded by steam. 5-Heating coils mounted on the interior walls of the digester. 6-Circulating sludge through an external type heating system. The first four have been used in very few plants. The fifth is in common use and the sixth is receiving favorable consideration.

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of them, the heat transfer coefficient is much higher than with heating

coils inside the tank.

External heaters are designed to operate continuously; unless the sludge is pumped continuously at a very slow rate, it would pass into the tank only slightly heated. An advantage is that recirculation of the digester contents speeds digestion. The cost of circulating both hot water and sludge must be greater than circulating hot water alone in the coil system, but the greater heat transfer coefficient may offset this. On occasions when unusually large amounts of cold raw sludge must enter the digester, it can be heated more rapidly by the external type heater, The heating coil system costs less to install but may cost more to maintain.

R. A. Greene—"Sludge Heating Methods;" Sewage Works Journal, November.

Garbage Grinding And Sewage Treatment

No experimental or pilot plant of appreciable size is known to the writer which has been operated using ground garbage from kitchen disposers. The character of garbage from industrial grinders is not like that from kitchen grinders, which is sure to be nearly pure garbage substance. Garbage from household disposers will have an effect on the treatment process quite different from that where industrial grinders are used discharging directly into digesters.

The writer believes that it will be more than 20 years before half the dwellings in the average community will be equipped with garbage disposers; and even then the sludge load at the sewage plant will not be increased by as much as 20%—more likely it will be 10%.

Mark B. Owen—"Estimating Food Waste Loadings on Sewage Treatment;" Sewage Works Journal, November.

Pickling Liquor For Conditioning Sludge

Ferric chloride, used by Dearborn, Mich., for conditioning sludge for vacuum filtration and as a coagulant, more than doubled in price during the past few years, the use of steel pickling liquor was tried as a substitute. From tests carried out in 1947, 1948 and 1949 on its use for sludge conditioning it was con-

cluded that such liquor was a very satisfactory substitute for ferric chloride, which would effect a saving of \$1.50 per ton of dry solids, equal to over \$20,000 a year. Its use for precipitation of sewage is being studied also.

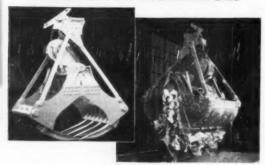
The moisture content of the vacuum filter sludge cake was 6.2% lower, the pounds of dry solids per sq. ft. of filter area per hr. was 15.1% greater, and the lime consumption 8.1% lower, when using pickling liquor than when using ferric chloride.

Michael A. Groen—"The Use of Steel Pickling Liquors For Sewage Sludge Conditioning." Sewage Works Journal, November.

Biofiltration at Orlando, Florida

By January, Orlando expects to have in operation a Dorr Biofiltration plant to treat 8 mgd in summer and 16 mgd winter maximum. At present the city's sewage is passed through septic tanks to wells discharging it under ground; which disposal, the State Health Dept. says, is likely to pollute the underground water from which the city draws its supply. The \$3,000,000 cost of the improvement is to be financed

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"Biofiltration Plant at Orlando to Protect Florida Waters"; Sewage Works Engineering, November.

Disposal Of Cyanide And Acid Wastes

These wastes, produced at Western Electric's factory at Allentown, Pa., are treated to render them suitable for discharge into the Lehigh river by making them non-poisonous, colorless and odorless. The treatment consists of storage, dilution, and rate-controlled flow of caustic solution to cyanide-destruction and acid-neutralization systems; cyanide destruction by chlor-

ination; and settling and neutralization of acid wastes by cyanide-free effluent as well as by direct addition of caustic. Caustic soda solution is used because, although the highest-priced of the common alkalies, it is easy to unload from tank cars to underground storage, is always available by pumping from storage, is quick of reaction, and leaves no residue.

The cyanide wastes are discharged into a 3,000-gal. underground tank and, when this is full, pumped to a 15,000 gal. tank where, when this is full, they are chlorinated. Chlorination involves adding caustic until the pH is 8.5 or higher, when the chlorine is added until 10 ppm of free chlorine is indicated. These cyanide-free wastes are pumped to a 49,000 gal. basin, where they partly neutralize acid wastes from chemical processes. The effluent from this basin flows to an 8,000 gal. basin, where sufficient caustic is added to complete neutralization.

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Water and Sewage Personnel Relationships

(Continued from page 45) It is charged with responsibility for maintaining the standards of service performed by public and quasipublic agencies at a level above the minimum consistent with the preservation of the public health.

In the exercise of its governmental function the Health Department must base its regulatory action on factual data, and to this end it is necessary that inspections be made and that reports be compiled.

Since the quality of service rendered by a utility is dependent on both the physical facilities that have been constructed to render the service and the qualifications of the personnel that operate these facilities, health departments must know and must require that both facilities and personnel are able to meet those standards that are recognized as necessary for the protection of the public health.

While the primary purpose of government as expressed through the activities of a health department is to provide health protection to the public, there is another governmental responsibility that is of especial interest to personnel who operate water or sewerage utility services. The very fact that government through the health department assumes a supervisory responsibility

for the quality of service performed, places with that governmental agency a responsibility to keep such records as might be necessary to establish in court, in the defense of the utility, the quality of service that has been rendered.

The management of a utility, privately or publicly owned, subject to governmental regulation, acquires by virtue of that regulation, a degree of protection against claims of alleged damage. The Health Department must assume inspectional responsibility for the quality of service performed and having performed that function, is obligated to maintain its findings as a part of the public record.

If the inspectional services of a health department are to have real value to a utility and to the consumers of its services it is self evident that they must be performed by well-trained and competent personnel. It is also evident that if the same governmental unit is responsible for both the operation of a utility service in its corporate capacity, and for the inspection of that service in its governmental function. confusion will ensue.

It has not been by chance alone that the supervisory responsibility for water and sewerage utility service has been placed at the State level rather than with health agencies under the same governmental unit that provides the utility service. The supervision of utility services by a State agency, and in the case of the sanitary aspects of public water supply and sewerage, by the Sanitary Engineering Divisions of the State Health Departments, assures this governmentally sound policy of separating regulatory supervision from operative control.

This is an administrative policy that is almost universal among the States and one that has made it possible to establish and maintain in the several State health departments a high standard of sanitary engineering service that has contributed much to the design and operation of water and sewerage utilities.

This workable relationship between health departments and water and sewage works personnel that has developed during the years is based on a fundamental engineering concept that in government as elsewhere action should result from the proper evaluation of all pertinent data and that these data should be so presented that a majority of all concerned will have accepted the proposed action before it is imposed by regulation.

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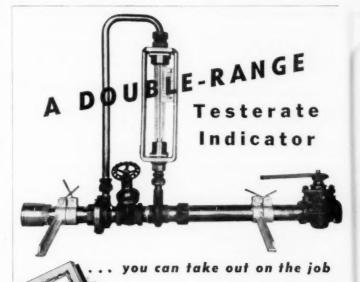
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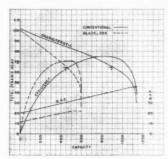




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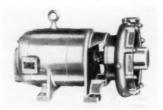
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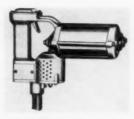
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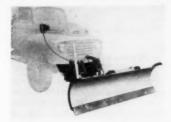
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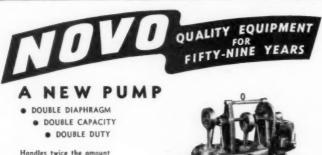


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WORTH TELLING By Arthur K. Akers

We are sure there are many who will share our regret at chronicling the sudden death of John W. ("Jake") Van Atta, vice president and general manager of the Ralph B. Carter Company, Hackensack, N. J., which occurred on December 7th. He was serving as a director of the Water and Sewage Works Manufacturers Association and was widely known in the water and sanitation fields.

Col. Bernard E. Gray, for some years past general manager of the Asphalt Institute, New York, moves up again. This time to president.

The Galion Iron Works and Manufacturing Company, Galion, Ohio, has two new distributors on their list: Road Material and Equipment Co., Inc., at Jackson, Miss.; and Western Equipment Company, Boise, Idaho.

W. A. Riddell Corporation, Columbus, Ohio, announces Stockberger-Seastrom of Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Ind., to handle sales and service of WARCO motor graders and HERCULES road rollers in all of Indiana except the area contiguous to Chicago. Also, Frank Thompson becomes district representative for the Southeast, in Atlanta.



A. G. Crockett

Here is the new manager of distributor sales for Mack-International Motor Truck Corporation, Albert G. Crockett. In his new position Mr. Crockett will head up Mack's entire domestic and Canamestic and

dian wholesale organization of some 500 distributors, with headquarters in the Empire State Building, New York.

James H. Pearcy now represents Neptune Meter Company in Louisiana. Incidentally, when we think of water meters now we think of how badly New York City needs them as its largely-waste-induced water shortage fluctuates between critical and chronic!

Aluminum Company of America announces from Pittsburgh that B. J. Fletcher is now its chief hydraulic engineer. He was formerly chief engineer of the company's development division, and holds a meritorious citation

from the U.S. Government for his work in connection with the "A Bomb."

Below we present Dan R. Gannon, new water meter sales supervisor in the Chicago area for The Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Division of Rockwell Manufacturing Company. He comes from Dallas, succeeding Ross Burns, transferred to the Pacific Coast.





A. N. Zahniser

D. R. Gannon

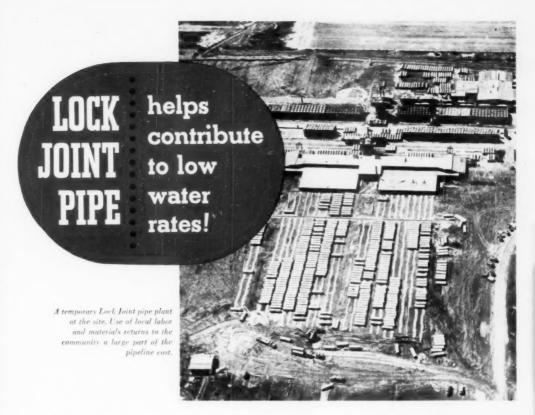
Above we give you the likeness of A. Newton Zahniser, new northeastern representative of Dresser Manufacturing Division, who will call on water works men henceforth in New England and eastern New York and Pennsylvania.

The newest "face" around the American Well Works, Aurora, Ill., is that of their new MANUAL No. 149 on modern processes and equipment for sewage and industrial waste treatment. All you have to do to get yours is to write the company for it, on your letterhead.

H. Engesser, president of Engesser Electric Manufacturing Company, up in Watertown, N. Y., has a new water pipe thawer that looks good to us this cold weather. A new circular on it is yours for the asking.

A pleasant hour with Normand F. Smith, sales manager of Gabb Manufacturing Company at East Hartford, Conn., the other day included a free color movie and its glimpses of something radically new in a road surface material spreader which he calls their "Roadsaver." Any distributor interested in taking it on will get Mr. Smith's full and serious attention.

In lighter vein, there's the story of the Alabama colored draftee in World War I who was being groomed for the cavalry ."Naw, suh!" he objected violently, "When that bugle blows 'Retreat' I don't want to have to stop and mess with no horse!"



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